

Docket Item #3 A-F Landmark Gateway 520 South Van Dorn Street, 631 and 641 South Pickett Street

Application	General Data				
<b>Project Name:</b> Landmark Gateway	PC Hearing: January 6, 2009				
	CC Hearing:	January 24, 2009			
	If approved, DSUP	January 24, 2012 (36 months)			
	expiration:	January 24, 2012 (30 months)			
	Plan Acreage:	6.31 Acres			
<b>Location:</b> 520 S. Van Dorn Street and 631 and 641 S. Pickett Street	Zone:	CG & I (current)			
	Zone.	CDD #17 (rezoning)			
	Proposed Use: Residential and Retail				
	Dwelling Units:	431			
	Gross Floor Area:	549,558 sf (35,436 sf retail)			
Applicant: Green City Development, LLC, represented by J. Howard Middleton	Small Area Plan:	Landmark/Van Dorn			
	Green Building:	Applying for LEED Certification			

#### **Purpose of Application**

Approval for development of the first site within the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan planning area. The proposal includes three residential buildings with ground floor retail and implementation of the street network as outlined in the draft Plan.

#### Special Use Permits, Modifications, and other Approvals Requested:

- 1. Master Plan Amendment (MPA 2008-0007) *Needed if the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan is deferred.*
- 2. Rezoning of property from CG and I to CDD #17 (REZ 2008-0002)
- 3. CDD Concept Plan (CDD 2008-0003)
- 4. Development Special Use Permit with Site Plan (DSUP 2006-0021)
- 5. Special Use Permit for a TMP (SUP 2008-0070)
- 6. Special Use Permit for Parking Reduction
- 7. Street Name for new public street (Street Name 2008-0004)

### Staff Recommendation: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

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Planning Commission Action: City Council Action:





CDD#2008-0007 CDD#2008-0003 REZ#2008-0002 DSUP #2006-0021 STREET NAME #2008-0004

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# I. <u>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</u>

## A. Recommendation

As the first development to be reviewed within the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan planning area, staff recommends **approval** of the Development Special Use Permit and all associated applications subject to compliance with the staff recommendations.

There are several key issues that were considered with this proposal as discussed in more detail later in the report, including:

- Consistency with the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan;
- Creation of a new street network;
- Upgrading the pedestrian environment and streetscape;
- Designing high quality buildings;
- Providing adequate parking in appropriate locations; and
- Addressing potential traffic issues.

## **B.** Summary of Issues

The applicant, Green City Development, has submitted a proposal for development of Landmark Gateway, located on property within the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Planning Area. The proposal consists of three five-story buildings comprised of 431 dwelling units and approximately 35,000 sf of retail. To construct this project, the applicant has requested approval of the following:

- Master Plan amendment (only necessary if the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan is not approved at the same public hearing);
- Rezoning of the subject property from CG and I to CDD #17;
- CDD Concept Plan;
- Development Special Use Permit with Site Plan;
- Transportation Management Plan (through a special use permit);
- Parking Reduction (through a special use permit); and
- Street Name approval.

This development will provide many public benefits including the following:

- Implementation of the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan;
- Pedestrian improvements through installation of sidewalks and other pedestrian amenities along Van Dorn and Pickett Streets;
- Creation of three new streets to provide more walkable blocks and better vehicular circulation;
- Retail for residential market;
- Rental housing; and
- Provision of open space where there is currently little to no green space.

# II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

## A. Site Context

The 6.3 acre site is comprised of three parcels and is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Van Dorn Street and Pickett Street. This is a heavily traveled intersection as it is less than a mile from the Van Dorn ramp onto the Capital Beltway and Pickett Street provides a link to Van Dorn Street from Duke Street. Currently on site are three one-story brick warehouse buildings with surface parking and little to no vegetation. East of the site are more warehouse buildings similar to what exists on the site now. North of the site is a shopping center with a Giant grocery store and other retail shops and restaurants. A bank and restaurant are opposite the site across Van Dorn Street and there is a row of retail businesses across Pickett Street to the south.

Although the property is essentially flat in its current configuration, there are significant changes of grade impacting the site. At the northern property line there is a 6 foot grade change between this site and the shopping center to the north which is managed by a retaining wall and the buildings that are built into the slope. An additional 6 foot change in elevation occurs north of the property line up to the shopping center service road, furthering the grade change. Along Pickett Street, there is a gradual 6 foot decrease in elevation from the Van Dorn Street intersection to the southeastern edge of the property which is the lowest spot on the site.

The site is situated at the southern end of the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan area in the neighborhood designated as Pickett Place. This area is seen as a gateway to the larger Landmark/Van Dorn area from the Beltway. Additionally, it is less than one mile from the Landmark Mall which is slated for a town center themed redevelopment in the Plan and less than one mile in the other direction from the Van Dorn Metro Station.

## B. Site History

For the last four decades, the site has been occupied by industrial uses, which is consistent with the surrounding area. The real estate assessments indicate that the three buildings were constructed in 1961. The buildings are currently used as a storage facility, an office supply service, and a marble wholesale/retail establishment. No sale activity has occurred for these properties until recently in 2007 with the sale to the applicant for this development proposal.

In the summer of 2004, in response to a concept plan to redevelop Landmark Mall, the City began the planning process for the larger Landmark/Van Dorn area. Soon after, in 2006, the applicant began discussions with the City for development of the Landmark Gateway site. Since the development of the Plan was still underway and not yet adopted, staff agreed to work with the applicant during the planning process with the understanding that the project must comply with the resulting Plan. The applicant has been involved throughout the planning process for the Plan and has served as a member of the Landmark/Van Dorn Advisory Group. In anticipation of the Plan's adoption, staff agreed to docket the case for the same public hearing.

# III. <u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u>

Green City Development is requesting approval of what would be the first development to be constructed under the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan. Per the Plan, the proposal for this site is residential, consisting of three five-story buildings, two of which include ground floor retail. In addition to the three new buildings, three new streets will also be constructed as part of this development: an east-west private street approximately 200 feet north of the Van Dorn/Pickett Street intersection (Street A), a north-south private street approximately 450 feet east of the Van Dorn/Pickett Street intersection (Street B), and an east-west public street at the northern property line (Street C).

Building 1 is located at the northwestern corner of the site, adjacent to Van Dorn Street and overlooking a central plaza. The building will include 160 units and approximately 5,000 sf of retail. Building 2 is located at the eastern portion of the site, east of the new private Street B. The building will be solely residential with 123 units. Building 3 is located at the southwestern corner of the site at the Van Dorn/Pickett Street intersection, with frontage on both streets in addition to two of the new streets and the central plaza. The building includes 148 units and the bulk of the retail with approximately 30,000 sf.

A 544 space underground garage is proposed under Buildings 1 and 3 and a separate 195 space underground garage is proposed under Building 2. An additional 64 parking spaces are provided in the central plaza and on-street parking along Street A, Street B, and Pickett Street. Although 803 spaces as required by the Zoning Ordinance are provided with this development, 11 of those spaces are located on the Pickett Street public right-of-way and can not count towards the parking requirement. Therefore a parking reduction special use permit has been requested. Additionally, the size of the development triggers a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) and the applicant has submitted an application for a TMP-special use permit.

In order to develop at the proposed density, as part of this proposal the applicant is requesting to rezone the property to CDD, which is consistent with the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan. As a result, the applicant is also requesting approval of a CDD concept plan per the Zoning Ordinance. Finally, the applicant understands that the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan will be considered at the same public hearing, but in the event it is not adopted at this hearing, an application for a master plan amendment has also been submitted in order to ensure the project can move forward. Whether the Plan is acted on in January or not, staff felt it was important for the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan and this DSUP to be docketed for the same Planning Commission meeting, so that the context and overall vision for the area could be understood as the development project is reviewed.

# IV. <u>ZONING</u>

Property Address:	520 Van Dorn Street, 631 Pickett Street, and 641 Pickett Street				
Total Site Area:	6.31 Acres (27	6.31 Acres (274,945 sf)			
Zone:	e	Existing – CG and I Proposed – CDD #17			
Current Use:	Industrial/ warehouses				
Proposed Use:	Residential with ground floor retail				
	Permittee CG	d/Required I	Proposed CDD#17		
FAR:	0.75	1.25	2.0		
Height:	50 feet	50 feet	60 feet		
Parking:	395.2 1.75 space per 2-1 222.3 1.2 spaces per 230 sf): 184 Total: 8 Total w/15% Re	bed unit (304 units): 2 spaces bed unit (127units): 5 spaces 0 sf of retail (35,436 4.9 spaces 03 spaces 9 spaces 9 visitor Parking: spaces	Garage: 739 spaces Plaza: 37 spaces Street: 16 spaces Total: 792 spaces*		
Loading spaces:		) sf of retail (35,436 ding spaces	6 loading spaces		
* parking reduction for 11 spaces requested					

# V. <u>STAFF ANALYSIS</u>

### A. Master Plan Amendment and Rezoning Request

In order for the Landmark Gateway project to develop as proposed, a master plan amendment and a rezoning request must be approved to change the land uses allowed on the site. The 1992 Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan identifies the property as Industrial and the Zoning Map designates the site as Industrial (I) and Commercial General (CG). While these designations were appropriate at the time the Small Area Plan was created and the Zoning Ordinance revised, the entire Landmark/Van Dorn planning area will experience more density and a different type of development with the implementation of the proposed Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan.

The Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan proposes that this site be approved for greater density and height, in addition to being used for residential with ground floor retail rather than the current industrial uses that are allowed. The applicant has submitted an application for a master plan amendment to change the land use designation for this property in the event the Plan does not get approved at the same public hearing. Approval of the master plan amendment would allow the case to move forward even if the Plan is deferred. Additionally, the applicant has also requested that the property be rezoned to a CDD (Coordinated Development District) designation, which is consistent with the recommendations of the draft Plan.

## B. Consistency with the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan

As discussed in the Background section, the Landmark Gateway development has been reviewed concurrently with the development of the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan and the applicant has served as a member of the Advisory Group. As such, the applicant has made a conscious effort to create a proposal that is consistent with the principles of the Plan. A summary of how this proposal is consistent with Plan is provided below and further discussed in the following sections of the Staff Analysis.

#### An Attractive Gateway

At the southern end of the Plan's boundaries, providing an attractive gateway is particularly applicable to Landmark Gateway. The site is one of the first to be seen when entering the City from the Capital Beltway via Van Dorn Street. As discussed further in the Building Design section, the applicant focused most of their budget for building design and materials on the prominent corner of Van Dorn and Pickett Streets to create a visible and unique gateway. Additionally, 30 feet of their property will be dedicated to the City for improvements to Van Dorn Street. In the future, this site will be the start of Van Dorn Street as a green boulevard.

### Pedestrian-Friendly Activity Centers

An important component of this development will be the creation of three new streets to break up the existing super block into several smaller, pedestrian-friendly blocks. Additionally, all three of the proposed buildings are pulled up to the sidewalk along Pickett Street and Van Dorn Street to engage the pedestrians. Finally, over 30,000 sf of retail will be provided along these streets to provide further interest and amenities for pedestrians. Special detail will be paid to developing attractive storefronts for a high quality pedestrian environment.

#### A Multi-modal Transportation System

The Plan places a strong emphasis on developing a multi-modal transportation system for the Landmark/Van Dorn area. With the creation of the new streets with this development, vehicular circulation is enhanced, as well as vastly improving the pedestrian environment. As mentioned, 30 feet of the property will be dedicated to the City for improvements to Van Dorn Street. Per the Plan, these improvements will include the addition of a transit only lane and a separate bike lane for the length of Van Dorn up to Duke Street. Finally, a TMP is proposed that will encourage residents to take advantage of alternate transportation options, including the nearby metro system.

#### An Interconnected Open Space System

The Plan calls for a variety of open space, ranging from larger public parks to smaller areas of open space. While none of the larger parks are slated for this site, this proposal includes a central plaza area inside the development as an amenity to the shoppers and residents. Additional courtyards are also provided adjacent to the buildings for use by the residents.

#### Quality Neighborhoods

This proposal provides much needed rental housing in a redeveloping area near major transportation and transit corridors. The units will range from small studios to larger two bedroom units in order to provide a variety of options. In addition, the new retail adjacent to existing retail will provide many amenities for the new residents of the development.

#### Environmentally and Economic Sustainable Development

As with any new development, the project will include stormwater management improvements to address the runoff created by the development. This will greatly improve the environment in this area seeing as the site presently has little to no stormwater management facilities and is mostly impervious. In addition, the development will include new open space and new sanitary facilities. In terms of economic sustainability, as discussed in more detail in the Economic Sustainability section, the proposal creates a mixed-use development in close proximity to the metro and other transit options which is consistent with the recommendations of the Economic Sustainability Work Group.

### C. Streets

The Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan is based on the idea of an interconnected network of streets. As such, the Plan calls for the creation of several new streets to break up the super blocks that are typical of this area into a more pedestrian friendly environment. The Landmark Gateway development has proposed three new streets: one north-south street and two east-west streets. Additionally, the proposal includes a dedication for street improvements to Van Dorn Street and a possible future dedication for a north-south street at the eastern boundary of the site.

#### Public Right-of-way

Consistent with the Plan, the development will construct and dedicate to the City an east-west street at the northern portion of the site (identified as Street C on the plans). This street will function as a service road which is in keeping with the "C" street classification in the Plan and will provide access to the parking garage and loading areas for the northern buildings. Per the

Plan, "C" streets provide a means of access and service entries to parking as well as tertiary streets through the neighborhood. With this proposal, the dedicated right-of-way will not include any on-street parking, but rather two eleven-foot travel lanes, a ten-foot sidewalk adjacent to Building 1 with a four-foot planting strip, and an eight-foot landscape strip to the north to allow for a substantial buffer along the retaining wall. This will allow for the remainder of the street to be dedicated and constructed by the property owner to the north when that property redevelops.

In addition to Street C, the applicant will also dedicate land at the western edge of the property for improvements to Van Dorn Street (discussed in more detail in the Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvements section). The additional 30 feet of right-of-way for Van Dorn Street will allow for a dedicated transit lane, a bike lane, and new wider sidewalks. The Plan also proposes a new north-south street at the eastern edge of the Landmark Gateway site which would link Pickett Street with the new retail main street proposed a block north of the site. This street will widen north of the Landmark Gateway site to create Pickett Square, a one acre urban square in the center of this street. Although the exact location of this street has not been determined, the applicant may be required to dedicate a portion of their property to the east for construction of this road. Additionally, Street C will be designed to allow for a connection to this street whenever it is constructed.

#### Private Streets

In addition to the new right-of-way that will be dedicated to the City, the proposal includes two new private streets. As shown in the Plan, a new north-south street (Street B) will connect Pickett Street to Street C and will separate Buildings 1 and 3 from Building 2. This street is classified as a "C" street as well and will also provide access to the parking garages and loading areas. A new east-west street (Street A) will be constructed between Buildings 1 and 3 that extends from Van Dorn Street to Street B, where it will terminate in a rotary with a focal feature in the center. The central plaza parking area will be accessed off of this street. On-street parking spaces will be provided on both of these streets where it can be accommodated.

#### Street Names

With the dedication of Street C, the Planning Commission must also approve the name of the street. Staff recommends McConnell Avenue, in honor of a former owner of the property, Alexander McConnell. According to historic records, he owned land which included this site in 1798. Per City Code, this street is designated as an avenue since it runs in an east-west direction.

## **D.** Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvements

The Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan provides detailed design guidelines for each street type within the planning area. These guidelines dictate various streetscape elements including the sidewalk width, location of curb cuts, and landscaping/buffers. By incorporating these guidelines, the Landmark Gateway development will provide numerous pedestrian and streetscape improvements that will be of great benefit to this area.

#### <u>Overall</u>

As discussed, the site currently includes warehouse buildings and wide expanses of surface parking lots with very little vegetation across the property. Additionally, the sidewalk, where it

exists, is narrow and has no buffer from the high traffic volume on Van Dorn and Pickett Streets. With this development, the sidewalk along Van Dorn and Pickett Streets, as well as the new internal streets will be widened to allow for better pedestrian flow, with new street trees and landscaping added. Ground floor retail will be provided in Building 3 which will further enhance the Van Dorn and Pickett Streets streetscape. Additionally, the creation of the new street networks will break up these large blocks which will create more comfortable blocks for pedestrians. The overall effect will be a more pleasant pedestrian environment that encourages people to walk rather than drive.

#### Van Dorn Street

As one of the two main streets within the planning area, special attention has been paid to creating design guidelines for Van Dorn Street. In conjunction with dedication from other property owners in the area, the additional 30 feet of right-of-way from the Landmark Gateway development will allow for several future improvements to be made to Van Dorn Street, consistent with the overall Plan. Ultimately, a transit only lane will be provided which may become part of the larger dedicated transit lane system for this portion of the City. Adjacent to the sidewalk will be a dedicated bike lane that is separated from traffic by a landscape buffer. Both of these will ultimately connect to the Van Dorn Metro Station providing multi-modal linkages for metro users. Finally, the additional right-of-way will allow for a landscaped median in the center of Van Dorn Street that will contribute to the goal of turning Van Dorn Street into a green boulevard.

#### <u>Pickett Street</u>

The Plan also establishes detailed design guidelines for the four A2 streets in the planning area, one of which is Pickett Street. The Landmark Gateway proposal provides the additional sidewalk width to support retail use and outdoor dining, and creates several new on-street parking spaces, convenient to retail users. There will be one curb cut along Pickett Street for direct access to the surface parking lot in the central plaza between Buildings 1 and 3 and it will function more as a driveway with right-in/right-out turning movements from and to Pickett Street. Additionally, staff is recommending that a 6-8 foot wide landscaped median be constructed to separate eastbound and westbound traffic along Pickett. This will significantly improve the look of an otherwise very industrial and auto-oriented street as well as provide a pedestrian refuge for the crosswalk at the Van Dorn intersection. The median will also prevent left turns directly into the central plaza area from eastbound Pickett Street and will direct traffic to Street B.

## E. Building Design

In undertaking this project, the applicant has worked to develop a building design that will not be replicative of motifs found elsewhere in the City of Alexandria, but rather, will make a unique architectural statement reflective of the Landmark/Van Dorn area. Specifically, the applicant has worked to build off of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century character of the western part of the City rather than recall Colonial architectural themes more appropriate for the historic districts. Given the fact that this proposal is the first development of this magnitude in the Landmark/Van Dorn area, the applicant is undertaking a certain amount of risk with this project. As such, cost of the project has been an important factor to consider. As a result, staff and the applicant agreed that the higher quality materials should be focused on the more prominent facades of the development

such as the corner of Pickett Street and Van Dorn Street. The facades facing the interior private streets, while also important, were determined to be more secondary and therefore simplified material-wise. This is consistent with the Plan that recommends the highest quality architectural façade treatments for the building facades along "A" street frontages, such as Van Dorn and Pickett Streets.

#### <u>Building 1</u>

Building 1 is a rectangular building located in the northwest corner of the site. The widest part of the structure faces private Street A, but approximately 160 feet of the building fronts Van Dorn Street. The facade of Building 1 that faces Street A will include some ground floor retail and amenities for the residents of the development. Approximately 35 feet of the retail will be visible along Van Dorn Street, but given the grade change of about 5 feet from Van Dorn Street into the site, the entrance will be located off of Street A. However, there is an opportunity for signage at this corner to highlight the retail. The remainder of the Van Dorn Street frontage of Building 1 will be parking garage. As discussed previously, there is a significant grade change across the site and the garage tries to use this to its advantage.

#### <u>Building 2</u>

Building 2 is the easternmost building of the development and part of the second phase of construction. Located east of private Street B, Building 2 stretches from Pickett Street to public Street C. Similar to Building 1, the building uses the change in grade across the site to bury most of the underground parking garage, although some is exposed at the lowest elevation along Pickett Street. Also similar to Building 1, the loading area and garage entrance are located on Street C. Given that this building is part of a later phase of construction, the architecture has not been fully developed. However, the general footprint and height of the structure is appropriate for this development and the larger area. The applicant has agreed to continue to work with staff during final site plan, subject to specific conditions listed in the Staff Recommendations, to further improve the architecture for this building.

#### Building 3

Located at the corner of Van Dorn and Pickett Streets, Building 3 is the most prominent building of this development and therefore a lot of design consideration went into this building. This building will be the first building a person sees when driving north on Van Dorn Street from the Beltway and therefore acts as gateway into the Landmark/Van Dorn planning area. The architecture of the building is reminiscent of an Art Moderne style with a curved wall/drum at the corner that connects to buildings facing Van Dorn and Pickett Streets. A building break roughly 200 feet from the Van Dorn intersection in the form of a glassy, recessed hyphen provides some relief to the overall length of this building and provides an architectural transition point to the second half of the building that faces Pickett Street and Street B. The hyphen also coincides with the driveway to the central plaza and surface parking area. Retail will be located on the ground floor which will activate the building and the pedestrian environment. The entire building is "U" shaped, which surrounds the internal parking plaza and central green space.

Staff strongly supports the architectural design of Building 3; however, staff is aware that some members of the community are very concerned about the design. Staff would support additional coordination with the community during the final site plan process to further refine some of the architectural details for this building.

## F. Parking

There is no question that a development of this size will generate a higher parking demand than the existing warehouse uses. Currently there are 50 parking spaces on the site, although as a warehouse use with many large trucks coming and going from the site, the entire site often appears to be a parking lot. The change in use and increase in density inevitability means more parking is needed and it is important that this issue be adequately analyzed.

#### Parking Requirements

Under the current parking standards in the Zoning Ordinance, the development is required to provide 803 parking spaces on-site. Additionally, staff typically recommends that developments provide an additional 15% of the total residential requirement for visitor parking, bringing the total to 896 parking spaces. However, the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan has recognized the fact that providing more parking than is needed typically encourages people to drive and exacerbates the traffic problems. Therefore, the Plan recommends using maximums rather than minimums for the parking requirement. Based on the recommendations of the Plan, this development would be permitted to provide up to 753 spaces.

#### Proposed Parking

The parking for this development has evolved from a completely above grade, wrapped parking structure, to a predominately underground garage that takes advantage of the grade change across the site. With the exception of Street B and Street C, the entire site is occupied by the underground parking garage. One large garage with 544 spaces is located under Buildings 1 and 3 and Street A. The upper level of the garage is partially above grade within Building 1 along Street A, but is screened by retail and residential uses. A second garage with 195 spaces is located under Building 2. In addition to the garage parking, the central plaza that is located between Buildings 1 and 3 provides an additional 37 surface parking spaces which will serve the retail uses. Finally, 16 on-street parking spaces are provided with the construction of Street A and Street B, and 11 spaces are created along Pickett Street.

#### Parking Reduction

The applicant is requesting approval of a parking reduction special use permit. Although the required 803 parking spaces will be provided with this development, 11 of these spaces will be provided on Pickett Street on City right-of-way and therefore do not count towards the parking requirement. There are several justifications for approving this request. First, a reduction is consistent with what is proposed in the Plan, given that the Plan is recommends a maximum parking requirement. The proposal actually provides 39 more spaces than recommended by the Plan. Second, the developer will be implementing a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) until such a time as a District-wide TMP is established (see the following section) which will help reduce the number of vehicles and trips to and from the site. Third, the applicant provided shared parking study that used methodology by the Urban Land Institute (ULI). This study found that by taking into account the different times users of the residential and retail spaces will be using the parking spaces and the likelihood that the residents will use the retail and therefore not need a space, a 5% reduction from the City standards could be applied to this site.

## G. Transportation Management Plan

An important justification for approving a parking reduction is adopting an aggressive transportation management plan (TMP) for the development. Additionally, similar to the *Braddock Metro Neighborhood Plan*, the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan calls for the development of a Transportation Demand Management District for the planning area. The district-wide TMP would draw on the resources of each development within the area for support in implementing an area-wide set of actions. At this time this District has not been established. Therefore a separate TMP is required for this development, but the developer will be required to integrate their TMP with the District when it is established.

Overall, the TMP is designed to provide disincentives to single-occupant auto use for commuting into the Landmark Van Dorn area, while making transit and other options as inexpensive and easy as possible. The conditions for approval outline a detailed set of TMP incentives and disincentives that include:

- Establishment of a TMP Fund with an initial annual contribution rate of \$60 per occupied residential unit and \$0.39 per leased square foot during Phase I of the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan. The rate will increase to \$120 per occupied residential unit and \$0.39 per leased square foot during Phase II of the Plan. The amount will increase annually equal to the CPI Index;
- Discounted bus and rail fare media;
- A goal of 22% of people not using single occupant vehicles;
- A carshare program;
- Participation in Ozone Action Days and other regionally sponsored clean air transit, and traffic mitigation promotions; and
- Configuring the units for high-speed and wireless internet access to promote teleworking.

# H. Traffic

#### Area Traffic Impacts

The development of mixed use residential/retail on this parcel corresponds to the draft Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan. A traffic evaluation was conducted to determine what additional impacts would result from the proposed development plan. Based on the applicant's traffic study, the development will generate 379 AM peak hour trips and 559 PM peak hour trips. These numbers include a 19% vehicle reduction based on the proposed transportation demand management (TDM) strategy for the development.

#### Comparison of Peak Hour Traffic Conditions

The applicant also analyzed peak hour volumes using appropriate procedures, as detailed in the 2000 Edition of the Highway Capacity Manual. Traffic analysis results are summarized in the table below for key area intersections. Although the 2012 traffic conditions with the Landmark Gateway project are higher than the existing conditions and 2012 without Landmark Gateway conditions, these estimated volumes do not take into account the larger traffic improvements that will be implemented as part of the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan. These improvements, including new streets to relieve traffic volumes on the main streets, improved transit, and potential additional lanes, will have a positive impact on the traffic flow for this area.

Study Intersection	Existing Conditions		2012 without Landmark Gateway		2012 with Landmark Gateway	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Van Dorn Street and Pickett	Е	Е	F	F	F	F
Street	76.9	68.7	94.3	83.6	116.1	118.4
Van Dorn Street and Edsall	F	D	F	D	F	Е
Road	85.6	49.0	97.3	53.8	111.7	64.0
Van Dorn Street and	F	D	F	Е	F	Е
Eisenhower Avenue	81.3	53.2	91.7	62.4	99.2	73.3

Peak Hour Level of Service and Delay for Key Landmark Gateway Intersections

# I. Open Space

The Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan has identified a few areas within the planning area where large parks or open space should be created. None of these areas falls within the Landmark Gateway property, but the proposed Pickett Square, the one acre urban square will be immediately northeast of the site and undoubtedly be an asset to the residents of this development.

The Plan also recommends that all projects provide at least 25% ground level open space for each site. For the Landmark Gateway site, a total of 29% open space is provided although 5% is technically above grade in the form of the two 6,500 sf courtyards for Building 1. These two courtyards are approximately 4 feet above grade. The rest of the open space is located in the central plaza in between Buildings 1 and 3, the ground level courtyard in front of Building 2, and sidewalk and buffer areas within the site. The plans for the central plaza and the courtyards for Buildings 1 and 2 are still being developed and staff has added recommendations that set minimum standards for the design and amenities. As the only large open space areas for this 6 acre site, these areas must be appropriately designed to provide the most benefit to the residents and retail patrons.

The Plan also recommends that an open space fund be established and developers provide contributions to this fund at the time of redevelopment. The money from this fund would be used to acquire, design, and construct the four parks identified in the planning area, similar to the funds established in Eisenhower East and Braddock Metro. However, as a catalyst project, the developer of Landmark Gateway will not be required to provide a contribution to this fund.

# J. Economic Sustainability and Fiscal Impact

The Economic Sustainability Work Group was established in 2006 to discuss and make recommendations on improving the economic sustainability of the City. In 2007, the Workgroup presented their recommendations, which included promoting transit oriented development, encouraging more commercial uses, such as retail, and supporting mixed use development at metro stations. Although this development is predominately residential, the 35,000 sf of proposed retail does coincide with the recommendations of the Work Group. Additionally, the overall proposal of creating a mix of uses (residential and retail) close to a metro station further promotes these recommendations. Overall, the increased tax benefit that will be generated by

this project as well as the benefit from other developments that will move forward once the Plan has begun to be implemented through this project is consistent with the City's goals of becoming more economically sustainable.

The projected fiscal impact for all of the development proposed by the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan was analyzed as part of the larger planning process. The study determined that at the full buildout of 13.5 million square feet, \$34.6 million of new tax revenues will be generated. Setting aside one-third for service expenditures would result in \$23.2 million of new tax revenue at full build-out. Additional information on the fiscal impact of the development occurring in the entire planning area is included in the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan.

# VI. <u>COMMUNITY</u>

The community surrounding this site has been extensively involved in the design and review of this development. Over the last year, the developer has met with the Cameron Station Civic Association (the closest residential area to the development), Seminary Hill Civic Association, and Brookeville – Seminary Valley Civic Association. In addition, the developer has served as a member of the Landmark/Van Dorn Advisory Group and has presented the proposal for this development at several Advisory Group meetings, all of which are open to the general public. Overall, the public sentiment for this proposal is very positive and many residents are excited at the prospect of new construction, including retail, at this site. However, there continues to be concern about the architectural design of the project and staff is recommending that the applicant continue to work with the community on this issue during the final site plan process.

# VII. CONCLUSION

Staff recommends **approval** of the development special use permit with site plan and all related applications subject to compliance with all applicable codes and the following staff recommendations.

Staff: Faroll Hamer, Director, Planning and Zoning; Jeffrey Farner, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning; Gwen Wright, Chief, Development; Gary Wagner, Principal Planner; Katye Parker, AICP, Urban Planner; and Matt Melkerson, T&ES.

# VIII. <u>GRAPHICS</u>



Figure 1: Site Plan - Plaza Level



Figure 2: Site Plan - Second Floor Level



Figure 3: Building 1 Elevations



BUILDING 2 - EAST ELEVATION

Figure 4: Building 2 Elevations



Figure 5: Building 3 Elevations



Figure 6: Perspective 1 from Van Dorn/Pickett Intersection



Figure 7: Perspective 2 from Van Dorn/Pickett Intersection



Figure 8: Perspective from Pickett Street – Center of Building 3



Figure 9: Perspective from Pickett Street - Eastern corner of Building 3



Figure 10: Perspective from intersection of Streets A and B at rotary looking west



Figure 11: View of Landmark Gateway site looking north

# IX. <u>STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

## A. <u>GENERAL:</u>

- 1. The applicant shall provide all improvements depicted on the preliminary site plan dated November 6, 2008 and comply with the following conditions of approval. (P&Z)
- 2. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in the Zoning Ordinance, the development special use permit shall expire three (3) years after the date of City Council approval if a building permit has not been issued for the first building to be constructed pursuant to the approved plan. (P&Z)

### B. <u>BUILDING:</u>

3. The massing, articulation, and overall design of the building(s) shall be generally consistent with the drawings and renderings dated December 10, 2008, prepared by Architects Collaborative, Inc. The final design and materials of the buildings shall be as provided in *Attachments #1* and 2 and shall also incorporate the following to the satisfaction of the Director of P&Z.

Building 2

- a. The design of Building 2 (Phase 2) is illustrative and may change in the future depending on the circumstances at the time of construction. Minor changes to skin of the building may be approved by the Director of Planning and Zoning. Future development of Building 2 shall consider the following:
  - i. The eastern face of the building is a very long façade and the mass and scale of this façade should be broken down and further articulated. Methods of achieving this may include:
    - a building entrance shall be considered on the east elevation that provides a sidewalk connection to the future master plan street to the east, provided all the land for this street is dedicated;
    - further highlighting the bays on this façade by sheathing them in metal or another material that allows for a high level of architectural detailing;
    - creating a break in the façade through changes in the building plane and/or materials; and/or
    - exploring design options for different focal features at the roof line.

Substantial amendments to the site or building shall be processed as a major amendment pursuant to Section 5-605 of the Zoning Ordinance.

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b. The applicant shall provide detailed design drawings (enlarged plan, section, and elevation studies) to evaluate the building base, entrance canopies, and window treatment, including the final detailing, finish and color of these elements, during final site plan review. The applicant shall provide these detailed design drawings at a scale sufficient to fully explain the detailing and depth of facade treatment.

- c. Color architectural elevations (front, side and rear) shall be submitted with the final site plan for each building.
- d. All loading and garage doors shall be painted to match the color of the adjoining building material. Plan and section details of the conditions adjoining the garage and loading dock doors shall be provided as part of the final site plan. All loading and garage doors shall be an opaque screen or screen to minimize the projection of light from the garage onto the adjoining street.
- e. The applicant shall provide details including colors and materials for all balconies, decks, and rooftop spaces with the final site plans.
- f. The buildings shall be designed to incorporate a variety of fenestration as represented in the submitted plans and refined to match the architectural style emulated in each building.
- g. Storefront window systems shall be varied in appearance and shall vary in plane with some storefronts projecting into the sidewalk. Storefront awnings shall also vary between buildings.
- h. Interior storage cabinets, carts, window signs, posters, shelving, boxes, coat racks, storage bins, closets, and similar items shall not block the visibility of the interior of the store from the street. This condition, however, is not intended to prevent retailers from displaying their goods in display cases that are oriented towards the street frontage.
- i. An on-site mock-up panel shall be provided prior to the approval of the final selection of the brick and other building materials (stone base, synthetic stucco, metal panels, windows, etc).
- j. The applicant shall provide high quality windows for each building, consistent with discussions with staff during the application process, to the satisfaction of the Director of P&Z and provide samples for approval.
- k. The applicant shall provide detailed design drawings showing all architectural metalwork (balcony rails, transformer enclosure, garage doors, courtyard/terrace fencing and rails) along with color and material samples for each.
- 1. There shall be no visible wall penetrations or louvers for HVAC equipment; all such equipment shall be rooftop-mounted. No wall penetrations shall be allowed for kitchen vents lower than 10 feet above ground. The kitchen vents in units on the first floor shall be carried through the roof and located where they are not visible from the public right-of-way. The kitchen vents for units above 10 feet shall be integrated into the design of the facade of the building, and painted to match the exterior of the building so that they are visually minimized from the public right-of-way. Dryer and bathroom vents shall be painted to match the portion visible on the exterior wall shall be subject to review and approval by the Director of P&Z.
- m. Rooftop mechanical equipment shall be screened by roof parapet from all public rights-of-way. Sight line studies shall be provided at final site plan to verify compliance.
- 4. The applicant shall hire a LEED accredited professional as a member of the design and construction team. The LEED-AP shall work with the team to incorporate sustainable design elements and innovative technologies with the goal of achieving LEED Certification under the U.S. Green Building Council; or the LEED-AP shall demonstrate

that a minimum of 26 points toward LEED Certification will be achieved. The LEED-AP shall provide a checklist and specific examples of technologies used prior to the release of a building permit and provide verification of methods used after construction, to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z, RP&CA and T&ES. (P&Z)(RP&CA)(T&ES)

- 5. Energy Star labeled appliances shall be installed in all multi-family residential units. Bathroom fixtures shall be WaterSense or comparable. In addition, the applicant shall explore the provision of a cistern to accommodate all irrigation needs of the proposed open space areas including the roof-top open space areas. (P&Z)(RP&CA)(T&ES)
- 6. The applicant shall work with the City for reuse of the existing building materials as part of the demolition process, leftover, unused, and/or discarded building materials. (T&ES)(P&Z)

## C. <u>RETAIL & RESTAURANT USES:</u>

- 7. *Ground Floor Retail:* Ground floor uses of areas designated as "retail" shall be limited to retail, personal service uses and restaurants as defined below.
  - a. The ground floor retail floor area as depicted on the preliminary site plan shall be solely utilized by retail uses including: a store engaged in the sale of goods for personal use that shall include bakeries, barber shop/beauty salon, banks, bookstores, clothing, clothing accessories, copier/reproductions, drugstores, dry cleaners (not dry cleaning plant), florists, health and sport clubs, groceries, jewelry and restaurants or other similar pedestrian-oriented uses as approved by the Director of P&Z to meet the intent of providing active pedestrian-oriented neighborhood-serving retail uses. Dry-cleaning (limited to pick-up only), optical centers, and banks are permitted if it does not adjoin another bank and/or dry-cleaning and/or optical center.
  - b. On a case by case basis, some professional office uses, such as realtors or accountants, may be permitted in the ground floor retail areas, subject to approval of the Director of P&Z.
  - c. The floor-to-floor height of the retail space shall be a minimum of 14'-6" for each building(s) with ground floor retail. Exhaust vent shafts shall be located within the retail space for each building to accommodate ground floor restaurant uses and shall be depicted on the final site plan and all applicable building permits.
  - d. Deliveries to businesses within residential buildings shall not take place before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. Deliveries are prohibited on Van Dorn and Pickett Streets.
- 8. *Full-Service Restaurants:* Full-service restaurants may be approved administratively by the Director of P&Z, provided that any restaurant approved under this provision complies with the conditions listed below. Restaurants that do not meet these criteria may be approved subject to a special use permit.
  - a. Restaurants shall close no later than 12:00 a.m.
  - b. All patrons shall be seated by a host or hostess; printed menus shall be provided at the tables; service shall be provided at the tables by a waiter or waitress; and tables shall be preset with non-disposable tableware and glassware.

- c. Deliveries to restaurants within residential buildings shall not take place before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. Deliveries are prohibited on Van Dorn and Pickett Streets.
- d. If any food delivery services are provided, they shall clearly be accessory to dinein food sales, and all deliveries shall be non-vehicular (made on foot, via bicycle, etc.). Alcoholic beverages shall not be delivered off-site, and delivery of nonalcoholic beverages shall only be in association with food deliveries.
- e. Alcoholic beverages may be sold for on-premises consumption only, and shall clearly be accessory to food sales.
- f. Grease traps shall be located within the building. Kitchen equipment shall not be cleaned outside, nor shall any cooking residue be washed into the streets, alleys, or storm sewers.
- g. No food, beverages, or other material shall be stored outside.
- h. Trash and garbage shall be placed in sealed containers, which do not allow odors to escape and shall be stored inside or in a closed container, which does not allow invasions by animals. No trash or debris shall be allowed to accumulate on-site outside of those containers.
- i. Litter on the site and on public rights-of-way and spaces along the business frontage shall be picked up at least twice a day and at the close of business, and more often if necessary, to prevent an unsightly or unsanitary accumulation, on each day that the business is open to the public.
- j. Cooking odors, smoke and any other air pollution from operations at the site shall be properly ventilated and shall not be permitted to become a nuisance to neighboring properties, as determined by the Department of T&ES.
- k. The applicant shall contact the Crime Prevention Unit of the Alexandria Police Department for a security survey and a robbery awareness program for all employees.
- 9. *Restaurants Outdoor Dining:* Outdoor dining is encouraged and may be permitted administratively by the Director of Planning and Zoning subject to the following minimum criteria and conditions:
  - a. All outdoor dining areas shall be accessory to an approved indoor restaurant.
  - b. An unobstructed pathway with a minimum width of 8 feet shall be provided at all times.
  - c. Any permanent structures which are required for the outdoor seating area shall be subject to review and approval by the Director of P&Z.
  - d. No live entertainment shall be permitted in the outdoor seating area.
  - e. No sound amplification shall be permitted in the outdoor seating area.
  - f. Any outdoor seating areas shall not include advertising signage. The design of the outdoor seating shall be compatible with the design of the building.
  - g. On site alcohol service shall be permitted; no off-premise alcohol sales are permitted.
  - h. No food, beverages, or other material shall be stored outside.
  - i. The applicant shall provide, at its expense, one city trash container Model SD-42exclusively for each restaurant. The trash container shall be emptied at the close of business each day.

- j. Trash and garbage shall be placed in sealed containers, which do not allow odors to escape and shall be stored inside or in a closed container, which does not allow invasions by animals. No trash and debris shall be allowed to accumulate on-site outside of those containers.
- k. Litter on the site and on public rights-of-way and spaces along the business frontage shall be picked up at least twice a day and at the close of business, and more often if necessary, to prevent an unsightly or unsanitary accumulation, on each day that the business is open to the public.
- 1. The outside dining area shall be cleaned at the close of each day of operation.
- m. The applicant shall control odors, smoke and any other air pollution from operations at the site and prevent them from leaving the property or becoming a nuisance to neighboring properties, as determined by the Department of T&ES.
- n. The applicant shall contact the Crime Prevention Unit of the Alexandria Police Department for a security survey and a robbery awareness program for all employees. (P&Z)

### D. <u>PEDESTRIAN/STREETS/TRAFFIC:</u>

- 10. The applicant shall provide pedestrian improvements that at a minimum shall provide the level of improvements depicted on the Preliminary Plan and shall also provide the following to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z, RP&CA and T&ES:
  - a. The sidewalk on Van Dorn Street shall be minimum 12 ft. wide unobstructed concrete sidewalk from the ultimate right-of-way with a 6 ft wide landscape strip with street trees 3 ft. off the edge of the sidewalk, spaced 30 ft. on center, consistent with the Landmark Van Dorn Plan. The landscape strip shall be connected by underground planting troughs that are a minimum of 300 cubic ft. per tree to provide sufficient arable soil volume to support adequate moisture for the trees. The area between the planting strip and the existing curb of Van Dorn shall be planted with grass. Explore planting additional street trees or landscaping in the planting strip.
  - b. The sidewalk on Pickett Street shall be an 18-20 ft. wide concrete sidewalk from building face to curb from Van Dorn Street to the first access drive; a minimum 15 ft. wide concrete sidewalk from face of building to curb from the access drive to Street B to accommodate parallel parking; and a minimum 12 ft. wide concrete sidewalk east of Street B to the property line with a 4-5 ft. planting bed adjacent to Building 2 with plant materials to screen the parking garage. The sidewalks shall be constructed to City standards with 4 ft. x 10 ft. wide tree wells spaced 30 ft. on center at the curb. The tree wells shall be connected by underground planting troughs that are a minimum of 300 cubic ft. per tree to provide sufficient arable soil volume to support adequate moisture for the trees.
  - c. The sidewalk on both sides of Street A shall consist of minimum 14 ft. wide concrete sidewalks with 4 ft. by 10 ft. wide tree wells spaced 30 ft. on center. The tree wells shall be connected by underground planting troughs that are a minimum of 300 cubic ft. per tree to provide sufficient arable soil volume to support adequate moisture for the trees.
  - d. The sidewalk on both sides of Street B shall consist of minimum 14 ft. wide concrete sidewalks with 4 ft. by 10 ft. wide tree wells space 30 ft. on center.

Street trees shall be provided around the traffic circle. The tree wells shall be connected by underground planting troughs that are a minimum of 300 cubic ft. per tree to provide sufficient arable soil volume to support adequate moisture for the trees.

- e. The sidewalk on Street C shall consist of minimum 9.5 ft. wide concrete sidewalks with a 4 ft. continuous grass strip adjacent to the curb and with street trees spaced 30 ft. on center. The planting strip shall contain a minimum of 300 cubic ft. per tree to provide sufficient arable soil volume to support adequate moisture for the trees.
- f. Provide decorative brick banding or different paving patterns to demarcate entrances to all retail stores and restaurants.
- g. Provide continuous uninterrupted and level sidewalks over all intersections with the sidewalk (streets, garage entrances, service areas, etc).
- h. Thermoplastic ladder style pedestrian cross walks at all crossings at the proposed development, except for special paving crossings shown on private streets.
- i. Install and maintain ADA accessible pedestrian crossings serving the site.
- j. Streetlights on Van Dorn Street, Pickett Street, and Street C shall consist of cobra heads unless it is determined by the Directors of T&ES and P&Z that decorative street lights will be required. In that case, if the applicant has not yet obtained approval of a building permit, decorative street lights shall be provided by the applicant on these public streets to the satisfaction of the Directors of T&ES and P&Z.
- k. Pedestrian improvements required for each building shall be completed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for that building, unless otherwise required herein. (P&Z)(T&ES)(RP&CA)
- 11. The applicant shall provide 22 residential bicycle parking racks, 44 spaces within the underground garage and 5 visitor (short-term) bicycle racks, 10 parking spaces on the surface for retail to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES. The short term bicycle rack locations are preferably covered, grouped, and located within 50 feet of the main entrance. Bicycle parking racks shall be located in a manner that will not obstruct the existing/proposed sidewalks. Bicycle parking standards, acceptable rack types and details for acceptable locations for short-term parking are available at: www.alexandriava.gov/bicycleparking
- 12. The applicant shall provide \$1,150 per receptacle to the Director of T&ES for purchase and installation of two (2) per block face, including public and private streets, Van Dorn, and Pickett Streets; Iron Site Bethesda Series, Model SD-42 decorative black metal trash cans by Victor Stanley. Receptacles shall be generally located along the property frontage and at strategic locations in the vicinity of the site as approved by the Director of T&ES. Payment shall be made prior to site plan release. (T&ES)
- 13. All bus stops adjacent to the site (on Van Dorn Street and Pickett Street) must be made ADA complaint and shall include a 6 ft. (parallel to the curb) x 8 ft. (perpendicular to the curb) unobstructed concrete passenger loading pad. The pad shall connect the back-face of the curb to the sidewalk. The width sidewalk may be counted toward the 8ft. required for the passenger loading pad. The plan shows a concrete passenger loading pad for the

stop on Van Dorn Street and shall be revised to show a concrete passenger loading pad for the stop on Pickett Street. (T&ES)

- 14. Decorative public benches shall be provided at all bus stops (on Van Dorn Street and Pickett Street) adjacent to the development. The benches shall not be placed on the 6 foot by 8 foot landing pad. The bench detail shall be the Timberform Restoration Series manufactured by Columbia Cascade or similar as approved by the Directors of T&ES and P&Z. Bench seats shall be yellow cedar and the metal frames shall have a standard black, powdercoat finish. (P&Z)
- 15. The following table sets forth the dimensions and elements for all street rights-of-ways and public access easements. All streets in the site as required herein shall be publicly dedicated streets/sidewalks or publicly accessible streets/sidewalks through the provision of a public access easement(s), and shall be consistent with the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan. The applicant shall dedicate the streets as public streets or perpetual public access easements as required below, pursuant to the required timing herein. The applicant shall prepare all applicable deeds and a plat of dedication subject to the review and approval of the City. The deed and plat of dedication shall be recorded in the land records prior to release of the final site plan. The public use and access easement shall not obligate or require the City to construct or maintain the streets or sidewalks (maintenance shall be at the developer's sole cost and responsibility, including the responsibility for snow removal). The streets shall not be accepted for dedication until the completion of the project and determination by the City that the street complies with all applicable codes and standards. (P&Z) (T&ES)

Street Right of Way – Public Access Easement(s)			
	Width of Dedicated Right- of-way or Public Access Easement	Dedicated Right-of-way or Public Access Easement	
Van Dorn Street	30 ft.	Dedicated Public right-of-way	
Street A	60 ft.	Public Access Easement	
Street B	66 ft.	Public Access Easement	
Street C	45 ft.	Dedicated Public right-of-way	

- 16. The applicant shall be responsible for installation of all applicable streets signs prior to the issuance of the first certificate of occupancy permit. A detail of the proposed street signage shall be depicted on the final site plan and approved prior to the release of the final site plan. (P&Z)
- 17. A public access easement shall be provided for Street A and Street B and all sidewalks adjacent to these streets. The applicant shall notify prospective buyers in its marketing materials and homeowner documents that Street A and Street B are private streets with public access easements and shall not be maintained by the City of Alexandria. (P&Z) (T&ES)

- 18. The property thirty feet from the existing property line along Van Dorn Street shall be dedicated to the City for future improvements to Van Dorn Street. (P&Z) (T&ES)
- 19. The applicant shall explore providing a median, wide enough to support ornamental trees and shrubs and a pedestrian refuge, on Pickett Street from Van Dorn Street to beyond the first entrance into the development, subject to the following:
  - a. Adequate WB-50 truck turning movements from northbound Van Dorn Street to eastbound Pickett Street without encroaching onto curbs or into the center lane of northbound Van Dorn Street.
  - b. Shift the westbound lanes of Pickett Street to the north starting from existing stormdrain inlet #11(to remain) to the first entrance to the east.
  - c. Maintain a minimum 12 ft. lane width with 2 ft gutters for all lanes on Pickett Street.
  - d. If it is determined that a median can be provided that meets the above criteria, the applicant shall be responsible for the construction of the median. (P&Z) (T&ES)
- 20. All improvements to the City's infrastructure shall be designed and constructed as per the City of Alexandria standards and specifications. (T&ES)
- 21. The applicant shall be responsible for construction/installation of missing or upgrading the existing public infrastructure, including but not limited, to streets, alleyways, sewers, street lighting, traffic and pedestrian signals, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and storm water drop inlet structures. (T&ES)
- 22. All Traffic Control Device design plans, Work Zone Traffic Control plans, and Traffic Studies shall be signed and sealed by a professional engineer, registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia. (T&ES)
- 23. Prior to the release of the final site plan, a Traffic Control Plan for construction detailing proposed controls to traffic movement, lane closures, construction entrances, haul routes, and storage and staging shall be provided for information purpose; however, an amended Traffic Control Plan, if required by the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services shall be submitted to the Director of T&ES along with the Building Permit Application. (T&ES)
- 24. All private street signs that intersect a public street shall be marked with a fluorescent green strip to notify the plowing crews, both City and contractor, that they are not to plow those streets. (T&ES)
- 25. The slope on parking ramps to garage entrances shall not exceed 12 percent. In case the slope varies between 10% and 12%, the applicant shall provide a trench drain connected to a storm sewer to eliminate or diminish the possibility of ice forming. (T&ES)
- 26. Show turning movements of standard vehicles in the parking structure and parking lot. Show turning movements of delivery trucks for each loading dock. Turning movements shall meet AASHTO vehicular guidelines and shall be to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES. (T&ES)

27. The applicant shall furnish and install two 4" conduits with pull wires, and junction boxes located at a maximum interval of 300 feet underneath the sidewalks on Van Dorn Street, Pickett Street, and Street C. These conduits shall terminate in an underground junction box at each of the four street corners of the site. The junction box cover shall have the word "TRAFFIC" engraved in it. (T&ES)

## E. <u>OPEN SPACE/LANDSCAPING:</u>

- 28. The applicant shall develop, provide, install, and maintain an integrated Landscape Plan that is coordinated with other associated site conditions to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z, RP&CA, and T&ES. At a minimum the Landscape Plan shall:
  - a. Provide an enhanced level of detail plantings throughout the site (in addition to street trees). Plantings shall include a simple mixture of seasonally variable, evergreen and deciduous shrubs, ornamental and shade trees, groundcovers and perennials that are horticulturally acclimatized to the Mid-Atlantic and Washington, DC National Capital Region.
  - b. Ensure positive drainage in all planted areas.
  - c. Provide detail, section and plan drawings of tree wells showing proposed plantings and associated materials, irrigation, adjacent curb/pavement construction, including edge restraint system, dimensions, drainage, and coordination with site utilities.
  - d. Provide detail sections showing above and below grade conditions for plantings above structure. Applicant shall demonstrate that soil depth is a minimum of 4' per the City of Alexandria Landscape Guidelines.
  - e. Provide planting details for all proposed conditions including street trees, multitrunk trees, shrubs, perennials, and groundcovers. Details must comply with City of Alexandria Landscape Guidelines. (P&Z)(RP&CA)(T&ES)
- 29. The following modifications to the landscape plan and supporting drawings are required:
  - a. Plan shall be prepared and stamped by a landscape architect licensed to practice in the State of Virginia.
  - b. Use industry standard symbology for depicting limits of garage such that garage limits can be seen when building lines overlap.
  - c. All grass shall be sod.
  - d. Provide individual detail drawings at a scale of 1" = 10' of the elevated courtyards and Street "A" plaza.
  - e. Provide a solid row of evergreen trees in the 8 ft. wide planter along the northern property line, or some other design solution as approved by the Directors of P&Z and RP&CA, to screen the development from the adjacent commercial development as an interim condition. (P&Z) (RP&CA)
- 30. The applicant shall provide 25% crown coverage, as depicted in *Attachment #3*, and shall include the following information on the final site plan:
  - a. Provide an exhibit that demonstrates the site area before and after ROW dedication.

- b. Applicant shall provide large shade street trees along all ROW, including Van Dorn Street, Pickett Street, and proposed Street C.
- c. Street trees shall not be counted toward crown coverage on public streets. (RP&CA)
- 31. The central plaza between Buildings 1 and 3 shall be designed to function as high-quality publicly accessible open space and shall provide the level of detail and amenities depicted on the preliminary landscape plan. Amenities such as special paving surfaces, materials, benches, trash receptacles, landscaping, etc. shall also be provided to encourage its use. The plaza shall be complete prior to issuance of the final certificate of occupancy for Building 1 or 3, whichever is later, and shall include the following improvements and amenities, to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z and RP&CA:
  - a. Incorporate a public art element such as incising designs or quotes into the private sidewalk that is appropriate for the scale of the space into the central plaza or adjacent private sidewalks to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z and RP&CA. Maintenance of the public art element shall be the responsibility of the developer/property owner.;
  - b. All landscaping shall be maintained in good condition and replaced as needed;
  - c. Low scale pathway or bollard lighting. (P&Z) (RP&CA)
- 32. The courtyards for Buildings 1 and 2 shall be complete prior to the issuance of the final certificate of occupancy for each building and shall include the following improvements and amenities, to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z and RP&CA, prior to final site plan approval:
  - a. Revise the design of the courtyard for Building 2 on the site plan to be consistent with the design shown in the revised landscape plans dated December 10, 2008. Additionally, explore integrating the landscape design with the street and building design, incorporating garden walls, pavers, construction materials and landscaping as part of the overall design. (P&Z) (RP&CA)
- 33. Provide a site irrigation/water management plan developed installed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Directors of RP&CA and Code Administration.
  - a. Plan shall demonstrate that all parts of the site can be accessed by a combination of building mounted hose bibs and ground set hose connections.
  - b. Provide external water hose bibs continuous at perimeter of building. Provide at least one accessible external water hose bib on all building sides at a maximum spacing of 90 feet apart. Provide an exhibit demonstrating accessible water coverage including hose bib locations and 90' hose access radii.
  - c. Hose bibs and ground set water connections must be fully accessible and not blocked by plantings, site utilities or other obstructions.
  - d. All lines beneath paved surfaces shall be installed as sleeved connections. (Code Administration) (RP&CA)
- 34. Provide an exhibit that demonstrates open space requirements and provide a narrative that demonstrates compliance with Open Space intentions of the Landmark Van Dorn Corridor Plan. (RP&CA)

- 35. Continue to work with staff to develop a palette of site furnishings that is generally consistent with the Preliminary Plan submission.
  - a. Provide location and specification for site furnishings that depicts the scale, massing and character of site furnishings.
  - b. Site furnishings shall include benches, bicycle racks, trash receptacles, drinking fountains and other associated features and be developed to the satisfaction of the Directors of RP&CA, P&Z, and T&ES. (RP&CA)(P&Z)(T&ES)
- 36. Provide material, finishes, and architectural details for all retaining walls, seat walls, decorative walls, and screen walls. Indicate methods for grade transitions, handrails- if required by code, directional changes, above and below grade conditions. Coordinate with adjacent conditions. Design and construction of all walls shall be to the satisfaction of the Directors of RP&CA, P&Z, and T&ES. (RP&CA)(P&Z)(T&ES)
- 37. The applicant shall work with staff to explore opportunities to integrate aspects of the historic character of the property into the design of open space and provide and erect interpretive signage that highlights the history and archaeology of the project area. The open space design and the text and graphics for the signage shall be completed prior to release of the final site plan and shall be subject to approval by the Office of Historic Alexandria/Alexandria Archaeology, P&Z and RP&CA. (Archaeology)(P&Z)(RP&CA)

# F. <u>SITE PLAN:</u>

- 38. The plat of consolidation and subdivision and all applicable easements and dedications shall be submitted as part of the submission for first final site plan and shall be approved and recorded prior to the release of the final site plan. (P&Z)
- 39. Coordinate location of above and below grade site utilities with other site conditions to the satisfaction of the Directors of RP&CA, P&Z, and T&ES. These items include:
  - a. Location of site utilities including above grade service openings and required clearances for items such as transformers, telephone, HVAC units and cable boxes.
  - b. Minimize conflicts with plantings, pedestrian areas and major view sheds.
  - c. Do not locate above grade utilities in dedicated open space areas.
  - d. All new electrical transformers shall be placed underground in vaults or within the building footprint which meet Virginia Power standards. These vaults may be placed in private streets, driveways or within the building envelope. Ventilation grates may not be located within public sidewalks or streets. The covers for the vaults shall match the material of the adjoining sidewalk and the grates, which shall be ADA compliant shall be located to minimize impacts on the pedestrian walkways to the greatest extent feasible to the satisfaction of the Directors of TE&S and P&Z. (RP&CA)(P&Z)(T&ES)

- 40. All private utilities shall be located outside of the public right-of-way and public utility easements; however, the installation of below grade transformers and storm water management facilities in Private Street B shall be permitted to the satisfaction of Dominion Virginia Power and the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services. (T&ES)
- 41. All the existing and proposed public and private utilities and easements shall be shown on the plan and a descriptive narration of various utilities shall be provided. (T&ES)
- 42. Applicant shall underground all the secondary utility services serving the site and the cost of such undergrounding shall be the sole responsibility of the developer. (P&Z) (T&ES)
- 43. Provide a lighting plan with the final site plan to verify that lighting meets City standards. The plan shall be to the satisfaction of the Directors of T&ES, P&Z, and RP&CA in consultation with the Chief of Police and shall include the following:
  - a. Clearly show location of all existing and proposed street lights and site lights, shading back less relevant information;
  - b. A lighting schedule that identifies each type and number of all fixtures, mounting height, and strength of fixture in Lumens or Watts;
  - c. Manufacturer's specifications and details for all proposed fixtures; and
  - d. A photometric plan with lighting calculations that include all existing and proposed light fixtures, including any existing street lights located on the opposite side(s) of all adjacent streets. Photometric calculations must extend from proposed building face(s) to the opposite side(s) of all adjacent streets and/or 20 feet beyond the property line on all adjacent properties.
  - e. The walls and ceiling in the garage shall be painted white, off-white or dyed concrete (white) to increase reflectivity and improve light levels at night. The fixtures should not be flush against the ceiling, unless there are no cross beams, but should hang down at least to the crossbeam to provide as much light spread as possible.
  - f. The lighting for the areas not covered by the City of Alexandria standards shall be designed to the satisfaction of Directors of T&ES and P&Z.
  - g. Provide numeric summary for various areas (i.e. roadway, walkway/sidewalk, alley, and parking lot, etc.) in the proposed development.
  - h. Detail information indicating proposed light pole and footing in relationship to adjacent grade or pavement. All light pole foundations shall be concealed from view.
  - i. The site lighting plan shall be coordinated with architectural/building mounted lights, site lighting, street trees and street lights and minimize light spill into adjacent residential areas.
  - j. Provide location of conduit routing between site lighting fixtures. Locate to avoid conflicts with street trees.
  - k. Full cut-off lighting shall be used at the development site to prevent light spill onto adjacent properties. (P&Z)(T&ES)(Police)(RP&CA)

- 44. All condominium association covenants and/or rental/lease agreements shall be reviewed by the Director of P&Z and the City Attorney to ensure inclusion of all the conditions of this DSUP prior to applying for the first certificate of occupancy permit for the project. The association covenants and/or rental/lease agreements shall include the conditions listed below, which shall be clearly expressed in a separate section of the covenants/agreements. The language shall establish and clearly explain that these conditions cannot be changed except by an amendment to this development special use permit approved by City Council.
  - a. The principal use of the underground garage and parking spaces shall be for passenger vehicle parking only; storage which interferes with the use of a parking space for a motor vehicle is not permitted.
  - b. The designated visitor parking spaces shall be reserved for the use of the guests, as provided in the shared parking study.
  - c. All landscaping and open space areas within the development shall be maintained by the owners.
  - d. Exterior building improvements or changes by future residents shall require the approval of the City Council, as determined by the Director of P&Z.
  - e. The developer shall present a disclosure statement to all renters, and/or condominium owners signed prior to signing any lease or contract of purchase. The statement shall disclose the following: that the site is located within the heart of an urban area and proximate to the Metrorail track and other railway operations, the Capital Beltway and adjacent commercial and industrial uses. These uses could continue indefinitely and will generate noise, and heavy truck and vehicular traffic surrounding the project.
  - f. The specific language of the disclosure statement to be utilized shall be provided to the City for approval prior to release of any certificate of occupancy permit.
- 45. The applicant shall submit a unit numbering plan for each floor, identifying the locations of commercial and residential uses, with the first final site plan. (P&Z)

# G. <u>SIGNAGE:</u>

- 46. The colors and materials of the retail tenant signs shall be designed of high quality materials and shall be designed as an integral part of the building that shall relate in materials, color and scale to the remainder of the building and to the retail bay on which it is displayed to the satisfaction of the Director of P&Z and shall comply with applicable codes and ordinances as well as the following guidelines:
  - a. Each retail tenant shall install a minimum of one sign for each storefront facade appropriate to the scale of each facade. In addition, each retail tenant shall provide a second pedestrian-oriented sign such as a projecting sign, blade sign or window sign.
  - b. Retail tenants shall be allowed a maximum of 1 sf of sign area per linear foot of tenant storefront or 50 sf of signage, whichever is greater.
  - c. Retail signs shall be limited to a maximum height of 18 feet above the grade of the adjoining sidewalk. The Director of P&Z may permit signage above 18 feet above the grade of the adjoining sidewalk and the signage may be illuminated

provided that the illumination does not have an adverse impact on adjoining residential uses, or roadways.

- d. Awnings shall be permitted to project up to four feet from the building; greater projections require approval of the Director of P&Z. Greater projections which encroach into the public street may require City Council approval of an encroachment.
- e. Signs projecting over the sidewalk shall be a minimum of eight feet (8') above the sidewalk.
- f. Signage shall be located to not obscure architectural design elements such as projections, cornices, or change of building material or pattern.

Awnings

- g. Awnings, when projecting from the face of the building, shall allow a clearance of 9 ft. from the grade of the adjoining sidewalk.
- h. Fixed lightweight metal and glass structures are acceptable.
- i. Awning or canopy material shall be a woven fabric or other material that projects the natural material of canvas, metal, glass etc.

Materials-Construction

- j. Neon signs will be considered based on creativity and the overall compatibility and character of the tenant storefront design.
- k. All methods of attachment including fasteners, mounting brackets and other mechanisms must be concealed from view.
- 1. Letters and graphics mounted directly onto building facades shall be pin mounted at least 2 inches from the surface onto which the sign is mounted and provide dimensional returns.

Illumination-Lighting

- m. Back-lit, halo-lit illumination or reverse channel letters with halo illumination are encouraged.
- n. Projecting signs may be internally illuminated if approved by the Director of P&Z. Externally illuminated projecting signs shall have lighting fixtures that are complementary and integrated into the storefront design.
- o. Blade signs shall be externally illuminated with decorative bracketed lighting complimentary to the storefront.
- p. In general, lighting should be designed and located to accommodate public safety without creating glare or excessively high light levels. Fixtures should be chosen to control light trespass either vertically (toward the sky) or horizontally onto neighboring properties.
- q. High pressure sodium vapor (yellow orange) lighting is prohibited for exterior use including buildings, parking facilities, service areas, signage, etc. Such lighting is also prohibited inside parking garages or building entries where it would be visible from the outside.
- r. For any building or project, exterior light fixtures their design, size, finish, location, etc. should be compatible with, and appropriate for, the building architecture, materials and colors.

Parking Signage

s. All parking signage shall be a blue background with white letters. The channel letter parking signs shall be blue with a white border. The signs shall be circular

and shall not include the project logo but rather limited to a "P" for public parking or public parking or a combination thereof.

Prohibited Signs

- t. Box signs and signs employing flickering rotating or moving lights and/or signs painted directly on the storefront other than window graphics.
- u. Flat panel signs and external raceways.
- v. All window coverings shall be open as much as possible and provide some interior accent lighting when the business is closed.
- w. Freestanding signs other than traffic/directional and wayfinding signs shall be prohibited.
- x. All banners relating to commercial promotions, leasing, hiring or advertising are prohibited, except for contractor signage as allowed by the Zoning Ordinance.

Processing – Review

y. Each tenant proceeding with permitting and/or fabrication tenants shall submit detailed drawings and samples to be approved by the Department of P&Z.

General

- z. The sign on the drum of Building 3 at the corner of Van Dorn and Pickett, which projects above the roofline, shall be permitted provided that the sign shall not be illuminated between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., seven days per week, unless it can be demonstrated that the impact of the illumination of the sign on the adjacent residential uses during these hours will be minimized as approved by the Director of P&Z. The sign shall be metal and shall project from the drum of the building and shall be consistent with the "industrial" design of the building.
- aa. A project logo may be provided within the design of each of the signs to the satisfaction of the Director of P&Z.
- bb. The size and shape and colors of directional signs shall be consistent with the City's way-finding program. (P&Z)
- 47. All retail storefronts shall have their own storefronts as a way to express their individual identity provided that they comply with the following to the satisfaction of the Director of P&Z.
  - a. Storefronts shall provide an "individual" expression.
  - b. Tenants shall avoid formulaic representations of their identity and create an expression that is complimentary to the architectural vocabulary of the project.
  - c. Door placement shall provide a direct connection to the adjoining sidewalks and streets.
  - d. Restaurants are encouraged to have operable (vertically or horizontally) movable store systems such as accordion system.
  - e. Storefronts shall be predominantly glass, but glass shall not be the exclusive material.
  - f. Opaque, reflective glass or comparable is prohibited. (P&Z)
- 48. A freestanding subdivision or development sign shall be prohibited. (P&Z)
- 49. A temporary informational sign shall be installed on the site prior to the approval of the final site plan for the project and shall be displayed until construction is complete or replaced with a marketing sign incorporating the required information; the sign shall

notify the public of the nature of the upcoming project and shall provide a phone number for public questions regarding the project. (P&Z)(T&ES)

50. All public notice signage erected by the applicant prior to the public hearing(s) shall be removed within 10 days of the completion of the public hearing process for the project. (P&Z)

# H. <u>CONSTRUCTION / DEVELOPMENT PHASING:</u>

- 51. The applicant shall identify a person who will serve as a liaison to the community throughout the duration of construction. The name and telephone number, including an emergency contact number, of this individual, shall be provided in writing to residents, property managers, and business owners whose property abuts the site, and shall be placed on the project sign, to the Directors of P&Z, RP&CA and T&ES. (P&Z)(T&ES)(RP&CA)
- 52. The applicant shall submit a detailed phasing and construction management plan for review and approval by the Directors of P&Z, T&ES and Code Administration with the submission of the first final site plan. At a minimum, the plan shall include the following:

Phase I

- a. The limits of Phase I development shall be revised to include the proposed new sidewalk and street trees along South Pickett Street from Street B to the eastern property line.
- Phase II
  - b. During Phase II of the development, as the design proceeds, a limited amount of street dedication may be required to the City to accommodate the future north-south road, per the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Area Plan.
  - c. Within 6 months of ceasing to use the area of Phase II for construction staging, the developer shall remove all construction related materials, grade the site and seed or sod the area so that it is usable for passive recreational use by the residents of the buildings constructed in Phase I until development of Phase II occurs. The property may be temporarily fenced with decorative fencing. Chain link fence shall not be permitted.

General

- d. Designate a location for off-street parking for all construction employees during all stages of construction, provided at no cost for the employee and may include applicable provisions such as shuttles or other methods deemed necessary by the City;
- e. Include a plan for temporary pedestrian and vehicular circulation;
- f. Include the overall schedule for construction and the hauling route;
- g. Copies of the plan shall be posted in the construction trailer and given to each subcontractor before they commence work;
- h. If the plan is found to be violated during the course of construction, citations will be issued for each infraction and a correction notice will be forwarded to the applicant. If the violation is not corrected within five (5) calendar days, a "stop

work order" will be issued, with construction halted until the violation has been corrected. (P&Z)(T&ES)(Code)

- 53. Submit an approvable construction phasing plan to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES, which will allow review, approval and partial release of final the site plan. In addition, building and construction permits required for site preconstruction shall be permitted prior to release of the final site plan to the satisfaction of the Direction of T&ES. (T&ES)
- 54. No major construction staging shall be allowed along South Van Dorn Street and South Pickett Street. The Applicant shall meet with T&ES to discuss construction staging activities prior to release of any permits for ground disturbing activities. (T&ES)
- 55. The sidewalks along South Van Dorn Street and South Pickett shall remain open during construction or pedestrian access shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services throughout the construction of the project. (T&ES)
- 56. Prior to commencing clearing and grading of the site, the applicant shall hold a meeting with notice to all adjoining property owners and civic associations to review the location of construction worker parking, plan for temporary pedestrian and vehicular circulation, and hours and overall schedule for construction. The Departments of P&Z and T&ES shall be notified of the date of the meeting before the permit is issued. (P&Z)(T&ES)
- 57. A pre-construction walk/survey of the site shall occur with Construction and Inspection Staff to document existing conditions prior to any land disturbing activity. If the curb, gutter, and side walk adjacent to the proposed development are damaged during construction then the applicant shall repair the same to the satisfaction of Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES). (T&ES)
- 58. A "Certified Land Disturber" (CLD) shall be named in a letter to the Division Chief of C&I prior to any land disturbing activities. If the CLD changes during the project, that change must be noted in a letter to the Division Chief. A note to this effect shall be placed on the Phase I Erosion and Sediment Control sheets on the site plan. (T&ES)
- 59. During the construction phase of this development, the site developer, their contractor, certified land disturber, or owners' other agent shall implement a waste and refuse control program. This program shall control wastes such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter or trash, trash generated by construction workers or mobile food vendor businesses serving them, and all sanitary waste at the construction site and prevent offsite migration that may cause adverse impacts to neighboring properties or to the environment to the satisfaction of Directors of T&ES and Code Administration. All wastes shall be properly disposed offsite in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws. (T&ES)

- 60. Temporary construction and sales trailer(s) shall be permitted and be subject to the approval of the Director of P&Z. The trailer(s) shall be removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy permit for the building. (P&Z)
- 61. The applicant shall submit a wall check to the Department of P&Z prior to the commencement of framing for the building(s). The wall check shall include the building footprint, as depicted in the approved final site plan, the top-of-slab elevation and the first floor elevation. The wall check shall be prepared and sealed by a registered engineer or surveyor, and shall be approved by the City prior to commencement of framing. (P&Z)
- 62. As part of the request for a certificate of occupancy permit, the applicant shall submit a height certification and a location survey for all site improvements to the Department of P&Z. The height certification and the location survey shall be prepared and sealed by a registered architect, engineer, or surveyor. The height certification shall state that the height was calculated based on all applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. (P&Z)

# I. <u>PARKING:</u>

- 63. A maximum of 739 parking spaces may be located in the underground garage for residents and retail per the Landmark / Van Dorn Corridor Plan. (P&Z)
- 64. The applicant shall provide controlled access into the underground garage. The controlled access to the garage shall be designed to allow convenient access to the underground parking for residents. (P&Z)
- 65. The applicant shall explore designing above and below grade parking facilities to accommodate future electric vehicles. (P&Z)
- 66. The applicant shall provide off-street parking for all construction workers without charge. For the construction workers who use Metro, DASH, or another form of mass transit to the site, the applicant shall subsidize a minimum of 50% of the fees for mass transit. Compliance with this condition shall be based on a plan, which shall be submitted to the Department of P&Z and T&ES prior to the issuance of the Excavation/Sheeting, and Shoring Permit. This plan shall:
  - a. Establish the location of the parking to be provided at various stages of construction, how many spaces will be provided, how many construction workers will be assigned to the work site, and mechanisms which will be used to encourage the use of mass transit.
  - b. Provide for the location on the construction site at which information will be posted regarding Metro schedules and routes, bus schedules and routes.
  - c. If the plan is found to be violated during the course of construction, a correction notice will be issued to the developer. If the violation is not corrected within ten (10) days, a "stop work order" will be issued, with construction halted until the violation has been corrected. (P&Z)(T&ES)

### J. TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN:

- 67. The applicant is advised that a Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit is required for the proposed development in pursuant to the provisions of 11-700 of the Zoning Ordinance based on the fact that the project is proposing 250 or more residential units. A Transportation Management Plan (TMP) is required to implement transportation strategies to lower the percentage of single occupant vehicles. The details of the Plan are included in *Attachment #3*. Below are the basic conditions from which other details originate.
- 68. Any special use permit granted by City Council under this section 11-700, unless revoked or expired, shall run with the land and shall be mandatory and binding upon the applicant, all owners of the land and all occupants and upon all of their heirs, successors and assigns. Any use authorized by a special use permit granted under this section 11-700 shall be operated in conformity with such permit, and failure to so operate shall be deemed grounds for revocation of such permit, after notice and hearing, by the city council.
- 69. Prior to any lease/purchase agreements, the applicant shall prepare appropriate language to inform tenants/owners of the transportation management plan special use permit and conditions therein, as part of its leasing/purchasing agreements; such language to be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office.
- 70. Landmark Gateway shall integrate into the District Transit Management Program when it is organized. All TMP holders in the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Metro area will be part of this District. The objective of this district is to make optimum use of transportation resources for the benefit of residents and employees through economies of scale.
- 71. An annual TMP fund shall be created, based on the TMP reduction goal of 22% of people not using single occupant vehicles, established for Landmark Gateway, the project's size and the benefits to be offered to participating residents. The rate to be charged for this development shall be \$60 per occupied residential unit and \$0.39 per leased square foot for Phase I of the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan. This annual contribution will be increased to \$120 per occupied residential unit and \$0.39 per occupied square foot of leased square foot for Phase II of the Plan. Annually, to begin one year after the initial Certificate of Occupancy is issued, the rate shall increase by an amount equal to the rate of inflation in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the United States for the previous year, unless a waiver is obtained from the Director of T&ES. The TMP fund shall be used exclusively for the approved transportation activities detailed in *Attachment #3*.
- 72. The Director of T&ES may require that the funds be paid to the City upon determination that the TMP Association has not made a reasonable effort to use the funds for TMP activities. As so determined, any unencumbered funds remaining in the TMP account at the end of each reporting year may be either reprogrammed for TMP activities during the ensuing year or paid to the City for use in transportation support activities.

# K. <u>STORMWATER:</u>

- 73. All storm water designs that require analysis of pressure hydraulic systems, including but not limited to the design of flow control structures and storm water flow conveyance systems shall be signed and sealed by a professional engineer, registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The design of storm sewer shall include the adequate outfall, inlet, and hydraulic grade line (HGL) analyses that shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES. Provide appropriate reference and/or source used to complete these analyses. If applicable, the Director of T&ES may require resubmission of all plans that do not meet this standard. (T&ES)
- 74. The storm water collection system is located within the Backlick Run watershed. All onsite storm water curb inlets and public curb inlets within 50 feet of the property line shall be duly marked using standard City markers, or to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES. (T&ES)
- 75. The City of Alexandria's storm water management regulations regarding water quality are two-fold: first, phosphorus removal requirement and second, water quality volume default. Compliance with the phosphorus requirement does not relieve the applicant from the water quality default requirement. The water quality volume determined by the site's proposed impervious area shall be treated in a Best Management Practice (BMP) facility. (T&ES)
- 76. Any stormwater BMP facility in the current or future public right of way shall be provided and maintained, including its replacement, by the adjacent property owner and its successors. (T&ES)
- 77. Provide BMP narrative and complete pre and post development drainage maps that include areas outside that contribute surface runoff from beyond project boundaries to include adequate topographic information, locations of existing and proposed storm drainage systems affected by the development, all proposed BMP's and a completed Worksheet A or B and Worksheet C, as applicable. (T&ES)
- 78. The storm water BMPs required for this project shall be constructed and installed under the direct supervision of the design professional or his designated representative. Prior to release of the performance bond, or at the request for the first certificate of occupancy, whichever comes first, the design professional shall submit a written certification to the Director of T&ES that the BMPs are:
  - a. Constructed and installed as designed and in accordance with the approved Final Site Plan.
  - b. Clean and free of debris, soil, and litter by either having been installed or brought into service after the site was stabilized. (T&ES)

- 79. The applicant shall submit a storm water quality BMP Maintenance Agreement with the City to be reviewed as part of the Final #2 Plan. It must be executed and recorded with the Land Records Division of Alexandria Circuit Court prior to approval of the final site plan. (T&ES)
- 80. The applicant shall be responsible for maintaining storm water Best Management Practices (BMPs) until activation of the homeowner's association (HOA), if applicable, or until sale to a private owner. Prior to transferring maintenance responsibility for the BMPs to the HOA or owner, the Applicant shall execute a maintenance service contract with a qualified private contractor for a minimum of three years, and transfer the contract to the HOA or owner. A copy of the contract shall also be placed in the BMP Operation and Maintenance Manual. Prior to release of the performance bond, a copy of the maintenance contract shall be submitted to the City. (T&ES)
- 81. If units will be sold as individual units and a homeowner's association (HOA) established the following two conditions shall apply:
  - a. The Applicant shall furnish the Homeowner's Association with an Owner' Operation and Maintenance Manual for all Best Management Practices (BMPs) used on site. The manual shall include at a minimum: an explanation of the functions and operations of the BMP(s); drawings and diagrams of the BMP(s) and any supporting utilities; catalog cuts on maintenance requirements including any mechanical or electrical equipment; manufacturer contact names and phone numbers; a copy of the executed maintenance service contract; and a copy of the maintenance agreement with the City.
  - b. The Developer shall furnish each home purchaser with a brochure describing the storm water BMP(s) installed on the site, outlining the responsibilities of the homeowners and the Homeowner' Association (HOA) with respect to maintenance requirements. Upon activation of the HOA, the Developer shall furnish five copies of the brochure per unit to the HOA for distribution to subsequent homeowners.

Otherwise the following condition applies:

- c. The Developer shall furnish the owners with an Owner's Operation and Maintenance Manual for all Best Management Practices (BMPs) on the project. The manual shall include at a minimum: an explanation of the functions and operations of the BMP(s); drawings and diagrams of the BMP(s) and any supporting utilities; catalog cuts on maintenance requirements including mechanical or electrical equipment; manufacturer contact names and phone numbers; a copy of the executed maintenance service contract; and a copy of the maintenance agreement with the City. (T&ES)
- 82. Prior to release of the performance bond, a copy of the Operation and Maintenance Manual shall be submitted to the Division of Environmental Quality on digital media. (T&ES)

83. Prior to release of the performance bond, the Applicant is required to submit a certification by a qualified professional to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES that any existing storm water management facilities adjacent to the project and associated conveyance systems were not adversely affected by construction operations and that they are functioning as designed and are unaffected by construction activities. If maintenance of the facility or systems were required in order to make this certification, provide a description of the maintenance measures performed. (T&ES)

# L. <u>WASTEWATER / SANITARY SEWERS:</u>

84. The site is currently served by Backlick Road Trunk interceptor sewer owned by Fairfax County; therefore, the applicant shall submit a letter of approval from Fairfax County for increase in sanitary flow prior to release of the final site plan. (T&ES)

### M. <u>SOLID WASTE:</u>

85. In the event that Section 5-1-2(12b) of the City Charter and Code is amended to designate multi-family dwellings in general, or multi-family dwellings when so provided by SUP, as Required User Property [as defined in 5-1-2(12b) of the City Charter and Code], then refuse collection shall be provided by the City for the condominium portion of this plan. (T&ES)

# N. <u>CONTAMINATED LAND:</u>

86. The plan indicates there is no known soil and groundwater contamination present as required with all preliminary submissions. However, it states the development may be within 1,000 feet of a formal pump or disposal area. Should any unanticipated contamination, underground storage tanks, drums or containers be encountered at the site, the Applicant must immediately notify the City of Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, Division of Environmental Quality. (T&ES)

# O. <u>NOISE:</u>

- 87. All exterior building mounted loudspeakers are prohibited. (T&ES)
- 88. Due to the close proximity of the site to Van Dorn Street the following conditions shall be included in the development requirements:
  - a. Applicant shall prepare a noise study identifying the levels of noise residents of the project will be exposed to at the present time, and 10 years into the future in a manner consistent with the Noise Guidance Book used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
  - b. Identify available options to minimize noise exposure to future residents at the site, particularly in those units closest to Van Dorn Street, in units that fail to meet interior noise level recommendations set forth in the Noise Guidance Book used by HUD. Noise mitigation measures can include triple-glazing for windows, additional wall/roofing insulation, installation of resilient channels between interior gypsum board and wall studs, installation of a berm or sound wall and any

other special construction methods to reduce sound transmission. If needed, the applicant shall install some combination of the above to the satisfaction of the Directors of P&Z and T&ES.

- c. The noise study shall be submitted and approved prior to final site plan approval. (T&ES)
- 89. The Applicant shall present a disclosure statement to potential buyers disclosing the following to the satisfaction of the Director of P&Z and the City Attorney:
  - a. That heavy industrial uses, Virginia Paving, Vulcan, the City Waste-To-Energy Plant, the Police Firing Range, Metrorail tracks and other railway operations are located near this project and are likely to continue indefinitely. They will generate truck traffic, including empty garbage trucks emanating odors, on the public streets surrounding the project. (T&ES)
- 90. If a restaurant use is proposed, the use of loudspeakers or musicians outside is prohibited. (T&ES)

# P. <u>AIR POLLUTION:</u>

- 91. If fireplaces are utilized in the development, the Applicant is required to install gas fireplaces to reduce air pollution and odors. Animal screens must be installed on chimneys. (T&ES)
- 92. Contractors shall not cause or permit vehicles to idle for more than 10 minutes when parked. (T&ES)

# Q. <u>CODE:</u>

93. The applicant shall provide and locate two additional fire hydrants to the approval of the Director of Code Administration. (Code)

# R. <u>HOUSING:</u>

94. Condition under discussion; will be forwarded separately. (Office of Housing)

# S. <u>ARCHAEOLOGY:</u>

- 95. The final Documentary Study for this project shall be completed prior to submission of the final site plan for review. (Historic Alexandria)
- 96. The applicant/developer shall call Alexandria Archaeology immediately (703-838-4399) if any buried structural remains (wall foundations, wells, privies, cisterns, etc.) or concentrations of artifacts are discovered during development. Work must cease in the area of the discovery until a City archaeologist comes to the site and records the finds. (Historic Alexandria)

97. The applicant/developer shall not allow any metal detection to be conducted on the property, unless authorized by Alexandria Archaeology. (Historic Alexandria)

### **CITY DEPARTMENT CODE COMMENTS**

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

### **Transportation and Environmental Services**

- F-1 A contribution to the water quality improvement fund shall be required because as designed 0.85 acres of impervious area is not treated. This would require the developer to pay a fee in lieu of treating the area of \$2 per square foot or \$74,052. (T&ES)
- F-2 Applicant shall take care in locating loading docks and limit retail deliveries to 7 am through 11 pm (quiet hours are between 11pm-7am). (T&ES)
- F-3 Filterra or Filterra-like BMP's have an efficiency rating of 25% in Alexandria. (T&ES)
- F-4 Drainage area for the Filterra-like BMP's shall be provided. (T&ES)
- F-5 The plan shall show sanitary and storm sewer, and water line in plan and profile in the first final submission and cross reference the sheets on which the plan and profile is shown, if plan and profile is not shown on the same sheet. Clearly label the sanitary and storm sewer, or water line plans and profiles. Provide existing and proposed grade elevations along with the rim and invert elevations of all the existing and proposed sanitary and storm sewer at manholes, and water line piping at gate wells on the respective profiles. Use distinctive stationing for various sanitary and storm sewers (if applicable or required by the plan), and water line in plan and use the corresponding stationing in respective profiles. (T&ES)
- F-6 The Plan shall include a dimension plan with all proposed features fully dimensioned and the property line clearly shown. (T&ES)
- F-7 Include all symbols, abbreviations, and line types in the legend. (T&ES)
- F-8 All storm sewers shall be constructed to the City of Alexandria standards and specifications. The minimum diameter for storm sewers shall be 18-inches in the public Right of Way (ROW) and the minimum size storm sewer catch basin lead shall be 15". The acceptable pipe material will be Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) AWWA C-151 (ANSI A21.51) Class 52 or Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) ASTM C-76 Class IV. For roof drainage system, Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) ASTM 3034-77 SDR 35 and ASTM 1785-76 Schedule 40 pipes will be acceptable. The acceptable minimum and maximum velocities will be 2.5 fps and 15 fps, respectively. The storm sewers immediately upstream of the first manhole in the public Right of Way shall be owned and maintained privately (i.e., all storm drains not shown within an easement or in a public Right of Way shall be owned and maintained privately). (T&ES)
- F-9 All sanitary sewers shall be constructed to the City of Alexandria standards and specifications. The minimum diameter of sanitary sewers shall be 10" in the public Right of Way and sanitary lateral 6". The acceptable pipe materials will be Polyvinyl Chloride

(PVC) ASTM 3034-77 SDR 35, ASTM 1785-76 Schedule 40, Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) AWWA C-151 (ANSI A21.51) Class 52, or reinforced concrete pipe ASTM C-76 Class IV (For 12" or larger diameters); however, RCP C-76 Class III pipe may be acceptable on private properties. The acceptable minimum and maximum velocities will be 2.5 fps and 10 fps, respectively. Lateral shall be connected to the sanitary sewer through a manufactured "Y" of "T" or approved sewer saddle. Where the laterals are being connected to existing Terracotta pipes, replace the section of main and provide manufactured "Y" or "T", or else install a manhole. (T&ES)

- F-10 Lateral Separation of Sewers and Water Mains: A horizontal separation of 10' (edge to edge) shall be provided between a storm or sanitary sewer and a water line; however, if this horizontal separation cannot be achieved then the sewer and water main shall be installed in separate trenches and the bottom of the water main shall be at least 18" above of the top of the sewer. If both the horizontal and vertical separations cannot be achieved then the sewer pipe material shall be Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) AWWA C-151 (ANSI A21.51) Class 52 and pressure tested in place without leakage prior to installation. (T&ES)
- F-11 Maintenance of Vertical Separation for Crossing Water Main Over and Under a Sewer: When a water main over crosses or under crosses a sewer then the vertical separation between the bottom of one (i.e., sewer or water main) to the top of the other (water main or sewer) shall be at least 18"; however, if this cannot be achieved then both the water main and the sewer shall be constructed of Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) AWWA C-151 (ANSI A21.51) Class 52 with joints that are equivalent to water main standards for a distance of 10 feet on each side of the point of crossing. A section of water main pipe shall be centered at the point of crossing and the pipes shall be pressure tested in place without leakage prior to installation. Sewers crossing over the water main shall have adequate structural support (concrete pier support and/or concrete encasement) to prevent damage to the water main. Sanitary sewers under creeks and storm sewer pipe crossings with less than 6" clearance shall be encased in concrete. (T&ES)
- F-12 No pipe shall pass through or come in contact with any part of sewer manhole. Manholes shall be placed at least 10 feet horizontally from the water main whenever possible. When local conditions prohibit this horizontal separation, the manhole shall be of watertight construction and tested in place. (T&ES)
- F-13 Crossing Existing or Proposed Utilities: Underground telephone, cable T.V., gas, and electrical duct banks shall be crossed maintaining a minimum of 12" of separation or clearance with water main, sanitary, or storm sewers. If this separation cannot be achieved then the sewer pipe material shall be Ductile Iron Pipe (DIP) AWWA C-151 (ANSI A21.51) Class 52 and pressure tested in place without leakage prior to installation. Sewers and water main crossing over the utilities shall have adequate structural support (pier support and/or concrete encasement) to prevent damage to the utilities. (T&ES)
- F-14 Dimensions of parking spaces, aisle widths, etc. within the parking lot and garage shall be provided on the plan. Note that dimensions in the garage shall not include column widths. (T&ES)

- F-15 Show the drainage divide areas on the grading plan or on a sheet showing reasonable information on topography along with the structures where each sub-area drains. (T&ES)
- F-16 Provide proposed elevations (contours and spot shots) in sufficient details on grading plan to clearly show the drainage patterns. (T&ES)
- F-17 All pedestrian, traffic, and way finding signage shall be provided in accordance with the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD), latest edition to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES. (T&ES)
- C-1 Per the requirements of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance Article XI, the applicant shall complete a drainage study and adequate outfall analysis for the total drainage area to the receiving sewer that serves the site. If the existing storm system is determined to be inadequate then the applicant shall design and build on-site or off-site improvements to discharge to an adequate outfall; even if the post development storm water flow from the site is reduced from the pre-development flow. The Plan shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES that a non-erosive stormwater outfall is present. (T&ES)
- C-2 Per the requirements of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance (AZO) Article XIII, the applicant shall comply with the peak flow requirements and prepare a Stormwater Management Plan so that from the site, the post-development peak runoff rate form a two-year storm and a ten-year storm, considered individually, shall not exceed their respective predevelopment rates. If combined uncontrolled and controlled stormwater outfall is proposed, the peak flow requirements of the Zoning Ordinance shall be met. (T&ES)
- C-3 Flow from downspouts, foundation drains, and sump pumps shall be discharged to the storm sewer outfall as per the requirements of Memorandum to the industry on Downspouts, Foundation Drains, and Sump Pumps, Dated June 18, 2004 that is available on the City of Alexandria's web site. The downspouts and sump pump discharges shall be piped to the storm sewer outfall, where applicable after treating for water quality as per the requirements of Article XIII of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance (AZO). (T&ES)
- C-4 In compliance with the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance Article XI, the applicant shall complete a sanitary sewer adequate outfall analysis as per the requirements of Memorandum to Industry No. 02-07 New Sanitary Sewer Connection and Adequate Outfall Analysis dated June 1, 2007. (T&ES)
- C-5 Americans with Disability Act (ADA) ramps shall comply with the requirements of Memorandum to Industry No. 03-07 on Accessible Curb Ramps dated August 2, 2007 with truncated domes on the end of the ramp with contrasting color from the rest of the ramp. A copy of this Memorandum is available on the City of Alexandria website. (T&ES)

- C-6 Solid Waste and Recycling Condition: The applicant shall provide storage space for solid waste and recyclable materials containers as outlined in the City's "Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Storage Space Guidelines", or to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation & Environmental Services. The plan shall show the turning movements of a trash truck and the trash truck shall not back up to collect trash. The City's storage space guidelines and required Recycling Implementation Plan forms are available at: www.alexandriava.gov or contact the City's Solid Waste Division at 703-519-3486 ext.132. (T&ES)
- C-7 The applicant shall be responsible to deliver the solid waste, as defined by the City Charter and Code of the City of Alexandria, to the Covanta Energy Waste Facility located at 5301 Eisenhower Avenue. A note to that effect shall be included on the plan. The developer further agrees to stipulate in any future lease or property sales agreement that all tenants and/or property owners shall also comply with this requirement. (T&ES)
- C-8 The applicants will be required to submit a Recycling Implementation Plan form to the Solid Waste Division, as outlined in Article H to Title 5 (Ordinance Number 4438), which requires all commercial properties to recycle. (T&ES)
- C-9 All private streets and alleys shall comply with the City's Minimum Standards for Private Streets and Alleys. (T&ES)
- C-10 Bond for the public improvements must be posted prior to release of the plan. (T&ES)
- C-11 The sewer tap fee must be paid prior to release of the plan. (T&ES)
- C-12 All easements and/or dedications must be recorded prior to release of the plan. (T&ES)
- C-13 Plans and profiles of utilities and roads in public easements and/or public Right of Way must be approved prior to release of the plan. (T&ES)
- C-14 All drainage facilities must be designed to the satisfaction of the Director of T&ES. Drainage divide maps and computations must be provided for approval. (T&ES)
- C-15 Provide a phased erosion and sediment control plan consistent with grading and construction plan. (T&ES)
- C-16 Per the Memorandum To Industry, dated July 20, 2005, the applicant is advised regarding a requirement that applicants provide as-built sewer data as part of the final as-built process. Upon consultation with engineering firms, it has been determined that initial site survey work and plans will need to be prepared using Virginia State Plane (North Zone) coordinates based on NAD 83 and NAVD 88. Control points/Benchmarks which were used to establish these coordinates should be referenced on the plans. To insure that this requirement is achieved, the applicant is requested to prepare plans in this format including initial site survey work if necessary. (T&ES)

- C-17 The thickness of sub-base, base, and wearing course shall be designed using "California Method" as set forth on page 3-76 of the second edition of a book entitled, "Data Book for Civil Engineers, Volume One, Design" written by Elwyn E. Seelye. Values of California Bearing Ratios used in the design shall be determined by field and/or laboratory tests. An alternate pavement section for Emergency Vehicle Easements (EVE) to support H-20 loading designed using California Bearing Ratio (CBR) determined through geotechnical investigation and using Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) method (Vaswani Method) and standard material specifications designed to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) will be acceptable. (T&ES)
- C-18 No overhangs (decks, bays, columns, post or other obstructions) shall protrude into public Right of Ways, public easements, and pedestrian or vehicular travelways unless otherwise permitted by the City Code. (T&ES)
- C-19 All driveway entrances, sidewalks, curbing, etc. in the public ROW or abutting public ROW shall meet City design standards. (T&ES)
- C-20 All sanitary laterals and/or sewers not shown in the easements shall be owned and maintained privately. (T&ES)
- C-21 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)
- C-22 The applicant must comply with the Article XIII of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, which includes requirements for storm water pollutant load reduction, treatment of the water quality volume default, and storm water quantity management. (T&ES)
- C-23 The applicant must comply with the City of Alexandria, Erosion and Sediment Control Code, Section 5, Chapter 4. This includes naming a Responsible Land Disturber on the Erosion and Sediment Control sheets prior to engaging in land disturbing activities in accordance with Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law. (T&ES)
- C-24 All required permits from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, Virginia Marine Resources must be in place for all project construction and mitigation work prior to release of the final site plan. This includes the state requirement for a VSMP permit for land disturbing activities greater than 2500 SF. (T&ES)

### **Code Administration:**

F-1 The building elements over 50 feet in height require ladder truck access along 48% of the total perimeter on the two longest sides of the structure. For a building face to be considered accessible by a ladder truck the curb line shall be at least 15 feet and no more than 30 feet form the face of the building. The face of the building may not articulate

back into the mass of the building more than 7 feet horizontally in the first 75 feet of vertical dimension of the building. Acknowledged by applicant. The revised ladder truck accessibility requirements permit new developments that contain buildings over 50 feet in height to have a perimeter of 48% around the building. In addition, if the EVE located east of Building #2 will be utilized, it is not complying with the requirements listed in finding F-3.

- F-2 Emergency Vehicle Easements (EVE) are required to access buildings within the site. EVEs shall meet minimum city standards including a minimum 22 foot wide clear roadway width, minimum R25 turning radii and all elevated structures used for this purpose shall be designed to AASHTO HS-20 loadings. There are some curbs that provide less than a R25 turning radii and fire trucks are shown going into oncoming traffic, which is non-compliant with this requirement. Applicant will comply.
- F-3 EVEs shall not exceed 100 feet of dead end travel distance without provisions for apparatus turnaround. Turnarounds shall meet at least minimum design standards for fire apparatus. Please show compliance with the EVE located east of building #2. Applicant will comply.
- F-4 One additional accessible parking space is required for the development per USBC Section 1106.
- F-5 A NFPA 13 R system must be approved by the Building Official.
- **F-6** Please clarify if the fire protection systems for Building #3 are connected.
- F-7 The western FDC of Building #3 and the northwest FDC of Building #2 are located less than the minimum requirement of 40 feet from the nearest fire hydrant.
- F-8 Fire hoses can not lay across South Pickett Street, since it is a busy thoroughfare; therefore, additional hydrants are needed for the development.
- F-9 The western FDC of Building #3 is obstructed by landscaping. There can not be any obstructions within 3 feet of any FDC or fire hydrant.
- F-10 For firefighting reasons it is recommended that all stairs extend thru the roof so that door access to the roof is provided. Acknowledged by applicant.
- C-1 The developer shall provide a building code analysis with the following building code data on the plan: a) use group; b) number of stories; c) type of construction; d) floor area per floor; e) fire protection plan. Provided on Sheet # 13. Please revise the Fire Protection System to state "NFPA" instead of "NAPA." In addition, an NFPA 13R system must be approved by the Building Official. Acknowledged by applicant.
- C-2 The developer shall provide a separate Fire Service Plan which illustrates: a) emergency ingress/egress routes to the site; b) two fire department connections (FDC) to the building, one on each side/end of the building; c) fire hydrants located within on hundred

are required to be located between forty feet (40) and (100) feet of each FDC; d) on site fire hydrants spaced with a maximum distance of three hundred (300) feet between hydrants and the most remote point of vehicular access on site; e) emergency vehicle easements (EVE) around the building with a twenty-two (22) foot minimum width; f) all Fire Service Plan elements are subject to the approval of the Director of Code Administration. Additional on-site fire hydrants are required for the site. Hydrants located across South Pickett Street can not be utilized because hoses can not lay across a major street during an emergency. In addition, the code requires FDC's to be located between 40 feet and 100 feet from a fire hydrant. **Applicant will comply.** 

- C-3 Prior to submission of the Final Site Plan #1, the developer shall provide a fire flow analysis by a certified licensed fire protection engineer to assure adequate water supply for the structure being considered. The applicant indicates a fire flow analysis is currently being performed. The fire flow analysis has been submitted and will be reviewed upon approval of preliminary plan.
- C-4 Required exits, parking, and facilities shall be accessible for persons with disabilities. Acknowledged by applicant. Relocate accessible parking spaces A-2, A-3, A-4 and A-5 in Building #3, Level G-2, closer to the elevator lobby entrance.
- C-5 The public parking garage (Use Group S-2) is required to be equipped with a sprinkler system (USBC 903.2.11). Acknowledged by applicant, the garage will be equipped with a sprinkler system.
- C-6 The public parking garage floor must comply with USBC 406.2.6 and drain through oil separators or traps to avoid accumulation of explosive vapors in building drains or sewers as provided for in the plumbing code (USBC 2901). This parking garage is classified as an S-2, Group 2, public garage. Acknowledged by applicant.
- C-7 Enclosed parking garages must be ventilated in accordance with USBC. Show intake and exhaust vent locations at Completeness submission. Acknowledged by applicant.
- C-8 Provide Stairway Identification. A sign shall be provided at each floor landing in interior vertical exit enclosures connecting more than three stories designating the floor level, the terminus of the top and bottom of the stair enclosure and the identification of the stair. The signage shall also state the story of, and the direction to the exit discharge and the availability of roof access from the stairway for the Fire Department, in accordance with USBC 1019.1.7. Acknowledged by applicant.
- C-9 This structure contains mixed use groups [M, Mercantile; R-2 Residential; S-2, Low-Hazard Storage (public garage, group 2) and is subject to the mixed use and occupancy requirements of USBC 302.3.
- C-10 Awnings must comply with all applicable requirements of USBC 3105.3 and 3202.3.1 Retractable and fixed awnings must have a minimum 7 foot clearance form a sidewalk to the lowest part of the framework or any fixed portion of any retractable awning is

required. Retractable awnings must be securely fastened to the building and can not extend closer than 24 inches in from the curb line (USBC 3202.3.1).

- C-11 Fixed awnings must be designed and constructed to withstand wind or other lateral loads and live loads required by the USBC. Structural members must be protected to prevent deterioration (USBC 3105.3).
- C-12 Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit or land disturbance permit, a rodent abatement plan shall be submitted to Code Administration that will outline the steps that will be taken to prevent the spread of rodents from the construction site to the surrounding community and sewers. Acknowledged by applicant.
- C-13 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). Acknowledged by applicant.
- C-14 Sheeting and shoring shall not extend beyond the property line; except when the developer has obtained a written release from adjacent property owners which has been recorded in the land records; or through an approved encroachment process. Acknowledged by applicant.
- C-15 The applicant of any building or structure constructed in excess of 10,000 square feet; or any building or structure which constructs an addition in excess of 10,000 square feet shall contact the City of Alexandria Radio Communications Manager prior to submission of final site plan. The proposed project shall be reviewed for compliance with radio requirements of the City of Alexandria to the satisfaction of the City of Alexandria Radio Communications Manager prior to site plan approval. Such buildings and structures shall meet the following conditions:

The building or structure shall be designed to support a frequency range between 806 to 824 MHz and 850 to 869 MHz.

The building or structure design shall support a minimal signal transmission strength of -95 dBm within 90 percent of each floor area.

The building or structure design shall support a minimal signal reception strength of -95 dBm received from the radio system when transmitted from within 90 percent of each floor area.

The building or structure shall be tested annually for compliance with City radio communication requirements to the satisfaction of the Radio Communications Manager. A report shall be filed annually with the Radio Communications Manager which reports the test findings.

If the building or structure fails to meet the above criteria, the applicant shall install to the satisfaction of the Radio Communications Manager such acceptable amplification systems incorporated into the building design which can aid in meeting the above requirements. Examples of such equipment are either a radiating cable system or an FCC approved type bi-directional amplifier. Final testing and acceptance of amplification systems shall be reviewed and approved by the Radio Communications Manager. Acknowledged by applicant.

# C-16 A fire prevention code permit is required for the proposed swimming pool operation.

- C-17 Handicap parking spaces for apartment and condominium developments shall remain in the same location(s) as on the approved site plan. Handicap parking spaces shall be properly signed and identified as to their purpose in accordance with the USBC and the Code of Virginia. Ownership and / or control of any handicap parking spaces shall remain under common ownership of the apartment management or condominium association and shall not be sold or leased to any single individual. Parking within any space identified as a handicap parking space shall be limited to only those vehicles which are properly registered to a handicap individual and the vehicle displays the appropriate license plates or window tag as defined by the Code of Virginia for handicap vehicles. The relocation, reduction or increase of any handicap parking space shall only be approved through an amendment to the approved site plan. Acknowledged by applicant.
- C-18 Alterations after the structure is built must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) at the time of permitting.
- C-19 A fire prevention code permit is required for any proposed restaurant operation. An egress plan showing fixture location, aisles and exit doors shall be submitted for review with the permit application.
- C-20 Alterations to the existing structure and/or installation and/or altering of equipment therein requires a building permit. Five sets of plans, bearing the signature and seal of a design professional registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia, must accompany the written application. The plans must include all dimensions, construction alterations details, kitchen equipment, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical layouts and schematics.
- C-21 When a change of use requires a greater degree of structural strength, fire protection, exit facilities or sanitary provisions, a construction permit is required.
- C-22 This structure contains mixed use groups and is subject to the mixed use and occupancy requirements of USBC 508.
- C-23 Required exits, parking, and accessibility for persons with disabilities must be provided to the building.
- C-24 The following code requirements apply where food preparation results in the development of grease laden vapors:
  - (a) All cooking surfaces, kitchen exhaust systems, grease removal devices and hoods are required to be protected with an approved automatic fire suppression system.
  - (b) A grease interceptor is required where there is drainage from fixtures and equipment with grease-laden waste located in food preparation areas of

restaurants. Food waste grinders can not discharge to the building drainage system through a grease interceptor.

- C-25 A rodent control plan shall be submitted to this office for review and approval prior to occupancy. This plan shall consist of the following:
  - (a) Measures to be taken to control the placement of litter on site and the trash storage and pickup schedule.
  - (b) How food stuffs will be stored on site.
  - (c) Rodent baiting plan.
- C-26 The USBC limits the occupant loading for this area to 15 square feet per person.
- C-27 Any configuration of outdoor seating shall comply with the following conditions:
  - Fire Dept. Connections must remain accessible not be blocked by tables or fixtures.
  - Daily Sweeping/washing of outdoor dining area is recommended to control rodent activity.
  - Fire Hydrants shall not be obstructed by tables, chairs or other fixtures.
  - The configuration of any outdoor seating shall not obstruct or diminish the required egress from the structure or any adjacent structures.
- C-28 Any increase in occupancy related to outdoor dining must be supported by the required number of restroom facilities within the structure in accordance with the USBC / International Plumbing Code.
- C-29 Any increase in occupancy related to outdoor dining will only be considered for the exterior of the structure and will not modify the approved interior approved occupant load. At no time shall any approved outdoor seating be incorporated inside due to foul weather or other situations.
- S-1 The applicant should locate an additional fire hydrant on the northern side of Building #1 and one on the southern side of the western building #3. Hydrants shall be located in accordance with comments C-2 and Condition #1.

### Archaeology:

- C-1 All required archaeological preservation measures shall be completed in compliance with Section 11-411 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- F-1 Maps from the Civil War time period show an unidentified structure in the vicinity of this property. The development lots therefore had the potential to yield archaeological resources that could provide insight into activities outside of the town in the mid-19th century.

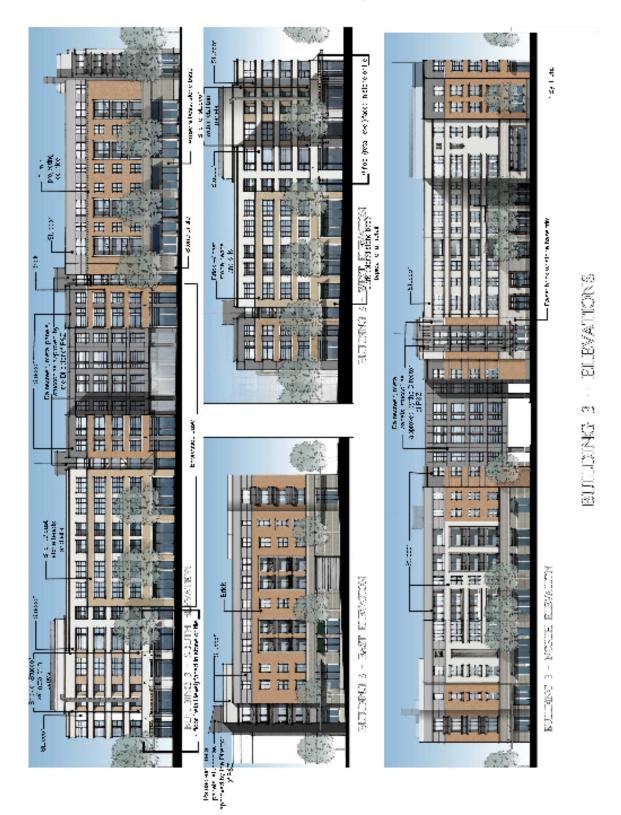
F-2 A draft Documentary Study for this project has been completed by John Milner Associates, Inc. The documentary research indicates that previous grading activities have disturbed any significant archaeological resources that may have been present. No archaeological field work is required.

### Health Department:

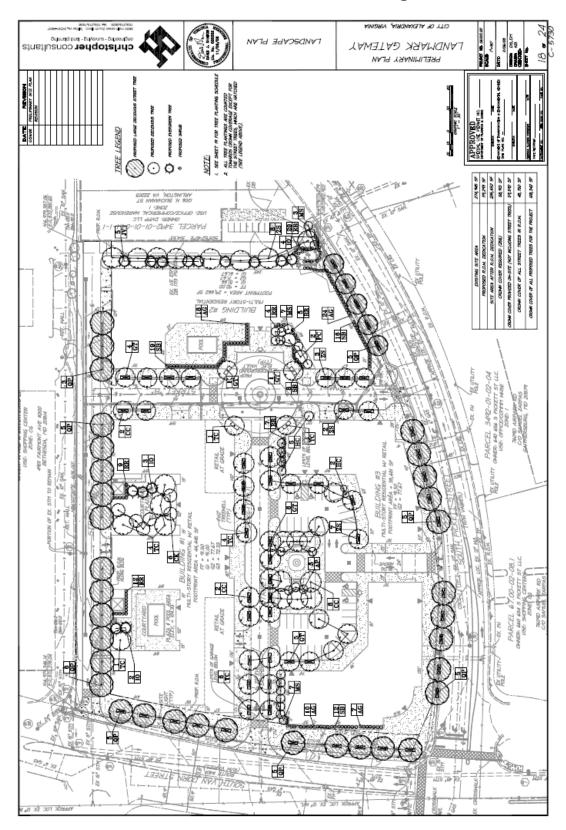
- C-1 An Alexandria Health Department Permit is required for all regulated facilities.
- C-2 Permits are non-transferable.
- C-3 Permits must be obtained prior to operation.
- C-4 Five sets of plans are to be submitted to and approved by this department prior to construction of any facility regulated by the health department.
- C-5 Plans for food facilities must comply with the Alexandria City Code, Title 11, Chapter 2, Food and Food Establishments. There is a \$135.00 fee for review of plans for food facilities.
- C-6 Pool plans must comply with Title 11, Chapter 11, Swimming Pools. Tourist establishment pools must have six (6) sets of plans submitted.
- C-7 Personal grooming facilities must comply with Title 11, Chapter 7, Personal Grooming Establishments.
- C-8 Tanning Salons must meet State Code Title 59.1, Chapter 24.1, Tanning Facilities.
- C-9 Massage facility plans must comply with Title 11, Chapter 4.2, Massage Regulations. All massage therapists must possess a current massage therapist certification, issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with the Code of Virginia and must possess an Alexandria Massage permit in accordance with Alexandria City Code Title 11, Chapter 4.2 prior to engaging in any massage activity.
- C-10 Coin operated dry cleaning facility plans must comply with Title 9, Chapter 4, Coin Operated Dry Cleaning Establishments.
- C-11 Coin operated laundry plans must comply with Title 9, Chapter 5, Coin Operated Laundries.
- C-12 Hotels/Motels must comply with State Code 35.1, Hotels, Restaurants, Summer Camps and Campgrounds.
- C-13 Food must be protected to the point of service at any outdoor dining facility.
- R-1 Provide a menu or list of foods to be handled at this facility to the Health Department prior to opening.



# Attachment #1: Building 1 Materials



# Attachment #2: Building 3 Materials



# Attachment #3: Crown Coverage

# **Attachment #4: Transportation Management Plan**

A Transportation Management Plan shall be implemented to include strategies that persuade residents to take public transportation as opposed to driving their cars. Below are the basic conditions from where other details originate:

- 1. The applicant has agreed to establish an owners/tenant's association (the TMP Association) to manage and implement the TMP on behalf of the residents of the project. The City of Alexandria Office of Transit Services & Programs (OTS&P) may assist the TMP Association.
- 2. A TMP Coordinator shall be designated for the entire project upon application for the initial building permit. The name, location and telephone number of the coordinator will be provided to the City at that time, as well as of any changes occurring subsequently. This person will be responsible for implementing and managing all aspects of the TMP and the parking management program for the project.
- 3. An Annual Work Plan will be developed by the TMP Association and approved by the Office of Transit Services & Programs. This work plan will be due on January 15 of every year. To fund the ongoing operation and management of the TMP, the TMP Association will assess each owner of property within the development following issuance of each building's certificate of occupancy. The annual rates for the fund are established in paragraph 11 of this same document. The rates will be adjusted yearly as per the consumer price index (CPI).
- 4. Transit, ridesharing, staggered work hours/compressed workweeks, parking restrictions and the other program elements shall be promoted to prospective owners and tenants.
- 5. Printed information about transit, ridesharing, and other TMP elements shall be distributed and displayed to residents including transit schedules, rideshare applications and information, incentive information, parking information, etc. This information shall be kept current. Displays of these brochures and applications shall be placed in a prominent location in the building and a web site with this information and appropriate links to transit providers will be provided and maintained.
- 6. A ridesharing program shall be established that includes not only participation in the regional Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Commuter Connections Program, but also site-specific matching efforts.
- 7. Establish and promote a Guaranteed Ride Home Program as part of the ridesharing and transit marketing efforts.
- 8. A carshare program shall be established as part of the ridesharing and transit marketing efforts for the building. At least two parking spaces should be reserved for the location of carshare vehicles. These spaces should be in a convenient location for residents and the TMP Coordinator will arrange with any of the carshare companies for placement of vehicles in this project. For those individuals who take transit, carpool, vanpool, walk, or

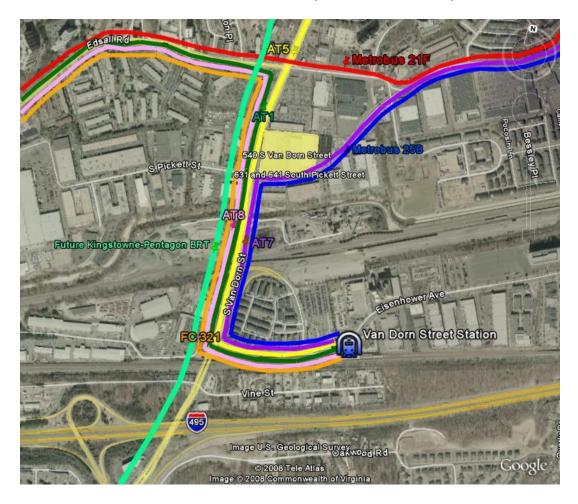
bike to work, the TMP program will pay the initial registration and annual membership fees (not the usage fees) to use the carshare vehicles. Location of the carshare spaces shall be coordinated with P&Z and T&ES prior to final site plan approval.

- 9. Discounted bus and rail fare media shall be sold on-site to residents of the project including during hours that are convenient for them. The fare media to be sold will include, at a minimum, fare media for Metrorail, Metrobus, DASH and any other public transportation system fare media requested by residents and/or the Office of Transit Services and Programs. The availability of this fare media will be prominently advertised. At a minimum, the initial discount will be 20%.
- 10. Landmark Gateway shall integrate into the District Transit Management Program when it is organized. All TMP holders in the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor area will be part of this District. The objective of this district is to make optimum use of transportation resources for the benefit of residents through economies of scale.
- The annual rate for the TMP Fund account is calculated based on the TMP goal 11. established for Landmark Gateway, the project's size and the benefits to be offered to participating residents. Based on a 22% non-SOV goal for the proposed project, a monthly benefit rate is established at the initial annual contribution levels of \$60 per occupied residential unit and \$0.39 per occupied square foot of leasable retail and restaurant space for Phase I of the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan. This annual contribution will be increased to \$120 per occupied residential unit and \$0.39 per occupied square foot of leasable retail and restaurant space for Phase II of the Plan. This preliminary rate may change when an Area Transportation Management Plan is established. These contributions will be adjusted yearly as per the consumer price index (CPI). The first payment to the fund shall be made with the issuance of initial Certificate Payments shall be the responsibility of the developer until this of Occupancy. responsibility is transferred by lease or other legal arrangement to the owners of the condominiums. Annually, to begin one year after the initial CO is issued, the rate shall increase by an amount equal to the rate of inflation for the previous year, unless a waiver is obtained from the Director of T&ES. The TMP fund shall be used exclusively for these approved activities:
  - a. Discounting the cost of bus and transit fare media for owners and tenants. Exception: The fund shall not be utilized to subsidize the cost of transit for residents whose employers already reimburse them for their transit cost.
  - b. Subsidies to transit providers.
  - c. Marketing activities, including advertising, promotional events, etc.
  - d. Bicycle lockers for residents.
  - e. Membership and application fees for carshare vehicles.
  - f. Participate in air quality/ozone action day programs.
  - g. Any other TMP activities as may be proposed by the TMP Association and approved by the Director of T&ES as meeting goals similar to those targeted by the required TMP measures.

- 12. Unencumbered Funds: The Director of T&ES may require that the funds be paid to the City upon determination that the TMP Association has not made a reasonable effort to use the funds for TMP activities. As so determined, any unencumbered funds remaining in the TMP account at the end of each reporting year may be either reprogrammed for TMP activities during the ensuing year or paid to the City for use in transportation support activities.
- 13. The TMP Association shall provide semi-annual TMP Fund reports to the Office of Transit Services and Programs. These reports will provide a summary of the contributions to the fund and all expenses and should be accompanied by supporting documentation. The first report shall be due six months following the issuance of the first certificate of occupancy.
- 14. The TMP Association shall provide annual surveys and annual reports to OTS&P, including an assessment of the effects of TMP activities on carpooling, vanpooling, transit ridership and peak hour traffic, the summary results of the annual survey, together with the raw data, and a work program for the following year. The initial report shall be submitted 1 year from the time of the issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy. The annual report shall identify, as of the end of the reporting period, the amount of units or square footage of occupied office and retail space. In conjunction with the survey, the TMP Association shall provide an annual report of the TMP program to the Director of T&ES, reviewing this TMP condition as well as compliance with the approved parking management program for the project.
- 15. The goals for transit mode share and auto occupancy established in paragraph 11 of this document, will be used in evaluating the performance and effectiveness of the TMP. The annual survey will be used to continually determine whether the development is meeting these targets.
- 16. The City of Alexandria, in conjunction with the TMP Association, will identify performance standards and objectives to measure the cost effectiveness and develop methodologies to monitor the performance of each element of the TMP. The performance of the development in meeting these objectives will be evaluated in the annual report prepared by the TMP Association, and will be used in developing the Annual Work Plan for the association.
- 17. This TMP has been designed to be flexible and responsive to the inputs of these annual evaluations in prescribing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Transportation Supply Management (TSM) strategies and tactics to be implemented in the Annual Work Program. The combination of size, scale of buildings, mixed-uses and phasing of development and transportation infrastructure requires that the TMP have flexibility to respond to the various challenges posed by changes in tenant mix, supply of parking, transit system capacity, transit fares, construction staging and traffic, fuel prices, regional transportation policies and projects, and changes in travel behaviors, prevalence of Metrochek subsidies, telework and flexible work hours, and changes in surrounding developments. By linking evaluation to work planning, the TMP standards of

performance will also change throughout the development cycle as the "right" solutions are adjusted in response and anticipation of changes in transportation conditions.

- 18. Prior to any lease/purchase agreements, the applicant shall prepare appropriate language to inform tenants/owners of the transportation management plan special use permit and conditions therein, as part of its leasing/purchasing agreements; such language to be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office.
- 19. The Director of T&ES may approve modifications to agreed TMP activities, provided that any changes are consistent with the goals of the TMP. (T&ES).



### TMP/SUP # 2008-0070 — Landmark Gateway — Transit Inventory

Key

- □ Metrobus 21F
- □ Metrobus 25B
- $\Box$  DASH AT1
- DASH AT5
- □ DASH AT7
- DASH AT8
- □ Fairfax Connector 321
- □ Future Kingstowne/ Pentagon Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

### TMP/SUP # 2008-0070 - Rate Calculations for Landmark Gateway (Based on \$60 Contribution)

	La	and Uses
Development Buildings/Density	Residential <sup>i</sup>	Retail
	Units	Sq Ft
Building 1 (Construction Phase 1) facing courtyard		
Building 2 (Construction Phase 2) facing South Pickett and Van Dorn	431	35,000
Building 3 (Construction Phase 1) facing South Picket and the courtyard		
Total	431	35,000

Assumptions		
22% non-SOV Vehicles = 95 trips and 15 employees		
Land Use and Occupancy		
Residential	431 units	
Retail		
$35,000 \text{ sf}/2 \text{ employees per } 1,000 \text{ sf} = 70 \text{ retail employees}^{\text{ii}}$		
70 x 22% = 15 employees		

Transit Benefits — Assumption: 22% non-SOV Vehicles = 95 trips and 15 employees				
22% Goal Beneficiaries	Number ofBenefit Amount \$Total MonthlyTotal Annual			Total Annual
	Beneficiaries		Benefit \$	Benefit \$
431 Residents	48 <sup>iii</sup>	50	2,400	28,800
70 Retail Employees	15	50	750	9,000
			Total	37,800

Carshare Benefits			
22% Goal Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	Annual Membership Cost \$	Total Cost Zipcar Benefit \$
431 Residents	48	0	0
		Total	0

TMP Fund Allocations	Expenses \$	Funds Available \$
Total Annual Fund Contribution per residential unit		25,860
\$60 x 431 units =		25,800
Total Annual Fund Contribution per square feet of		13,650
retail space \$0.39 x 35,000 sf		15,050
Transit Benefits	37,800	
Carshare Benefits	0	
TMP Promotional and Administration Costs	1,710	
TOTALS	39,510	39,510

### TMP/SUP # 2008-0070 - Rate Calculations for Landmark Gateway (Based on \$120 Contribution)

	Land	l Uses
Development Buildings/Density	Residential iv	Retail
	Units	Sq Ft
Building 1 (Construction Phase 1) facing courtyard		
Building 2 (Construction Phase 2) facing South Pickett and Van Dorn	431	35,000
Building 3 (Construction Phase 1) facing South Picket and the courtyard		
Total	431	35,000

Assumptions		
22% non-SOV Vehicles = 95 trips and 15 employees		
Land Use and Occupancy		
Residential	431 units	
Retail		
$35,000 \text{ sf}/2 \text{ employees per } 1,000 \text{ sf} = 70 \text{ retail employees}^{v}$		
$70 \ge 22\% =$	15 employees	

Transit Benefits — Assumption: 22% non-SOV Vehicles = 95 trips and 15 employees				
22% Goal Beneficiaries	Number of	Benefit Amount \$	Total Monthly	Total Annual
	Beneficiaries		Benefit \$	Benefit \$
431 Residents	48 <sup>vi</sup>	75	3,600	43,200
70 Retail Employees	15	75	1,125	13,500
			Total	56,700

Carshare Benefits			
22% Goal Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	Annual Membership Cost \$	Total Cost Zipcar Benefit \$
431 Residents	48	75	3,600
		Total	3,600

TMP Fund Allocations	Expenses \$	Funds Available \$
Total Annual Fund Contribution per residential unit \$120		
x 431 units =		51,720
Total Annual Fund Contribution per square feet of retail		
space \$0.39 x 35,000 sf		13,650
Transit Benefits	56,700	
Carshare Benefits	3,600	
TMP Promotional and Administration Costs	5,070	
TOTALS	65,370	65,370

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Residential area is approximately 457,000 sq. ft.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Handbook. Calculations assume gross square feet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iii</sup> Assumption is that the remainder 50% of residents already gets transit benefits from their employer.

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### APPLICATION

Master Plan Amendment MPA# 2008-0097

Zoning Map Amendment REZ# 2008-0002

### **REVISED DECEMBER 3, 2008**

#### PROPERTY LOCATION: 520 South Van Dorn Street, 631 and 641 South Pickett Street

#### **APPLICANT:**

Name: Address: Green City Development, LLC 5403 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814

### **PROPERTY OWNER:**

Name: Address: Gateway Holding I, LLC 5403 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814

#### **Interest in property:**

[X] Owner	[] Contract Purchaser		1
[X] Develope	r []Lessee	[] Other	

If property owner or applicant is being represented by an authorized agent such as an attorney, a realtor, or other person for which there is some form of compensation, does this agent or the business in which they are employed have a business license to operate in Alexandria, VA:

[X] yes: If yes, provide proof of current City business license.

[] no: If no, said agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing application.

**THE UNDERSIGNED** certifies that the information supplied for this application is complete and accurate, and, pursuant to Section 11-301B of the Zoning Ordinance, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria, Virginia, to post placard notice on the property which is the subject of this application.

Print Name of Applicant or Agent J. Howard Middleton, Agent

Mailing/Street AddressReed Smith LLP, 3110 Fairview Pk. Dr.Falls Church, VA22042City and StateZip Code

Signature

Telephone # 703-641-4225

Fax # 703-641-4340

Date December 3, 2008

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MPA #	2008-0007	
REZ #	2008-0002	

### **SUBJECT PROPERTY**

Provide the following information for each property for which an amendment is being requested. (Attach separate sheets if needed.)

Address Tax Map – Block - Lot	Land Use Existing – Proposed		Master Plan Designation Existing – Proposed		<b>Zoning</b> <b>Designatio</b> Existing – P		Frontage (ft.)
· · ·	- 						Land Area (acres)
1 <u>67.02-02-05</u>	WHSE	MU	<u>Gen.</u> Comm.	MU		*	<u>225 ft.</u> <u>1.7 A.</u>
2 67.02-02-06			<u>Gen</u> Comm				211.4 FT. 2.1 A.
3 <u>67.02-02-07</u>	WHSE		<u>Gen</u>	MU			238.1 ft. 2.5 A.

### PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

[] Individual Owner

[X] Corporation or Partnership Owner

Identify each person or individual with ownership interest. If corporation or partnership owner, identify each person with more than 10% interest in such corporation or partnership. (See Attachment 1)

1.	Name:		Extent of Inter	rest:	
	Address:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>		•
2.	Name:		Extent of Inter	rest:	
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REZ #	2008-0002			

### JUSTIFICATION FOR AMENDMENT

(attach separate sheets if needed)

1. Explain how and why any proposed amendment(s) to the Master Plan are desirable, beneficial to surrounding properties, in character with the applicable Small Area Plan and consistent with City policies:

See Attachment 2 & 3

2. Explain how and why the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map(s) is consistent with the proposed amendment to the Master Plan, or, if no amendment to the Master Plan is being requested, how the proposed zoning map amendment is consistent with the existing Master Plan:

See Attachment 2

**3.** Explain how the property proposed for reclassification will be served adequately by essential public facilities and services such as highways, streets, parking spaces, police and fire, drainage structures, refuse disposal, water and sewers, and schools.

See Attachment 2

If this application is for conditional zoning approval pursuant to Section 11-804 of the Zoning Ordinance, identify all proffered conditions that are to be considered part of this application (see Zoning Ordinance Section 11-804 for restrictions on conditional zoning):

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See Attachment 2

4.

MPA#2008-0007 REZ#2008-0002

### Attachment 1

Owner:

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#### Attachment 2

## JUSTIFICATION FOR AMENDMENT

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1. The purpose of this application is to request a rezoning of the property the subject of this application. The parcel of land consists of 6.31 acres at the corner of Van Dorn Street and Pickett Street and includes Tax Map 67.02-02-05, 67.02-02-06 and 67.02-02-07. We are requesting that the zoning be changed from Industrial and Commercial General to Coordinated Development District (CDD). This application will conform to the proposed Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan which is now in preparation by the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Advisory Group appointed by City Council. The Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan, when adopted by the Planning Commission and City Council, will recommend that the area subject to this application be rezoned to the CDD Zone and designated for mixed use development.

The draft Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan promulgates community goals for the enhancement of the neighborhood, including:

- provide for a variety of housing types including mid-rise and high-rise units
- maintain a diverse mix of ownership and rental housing with market rate, affordable and work force housing
- provide a mix of uses and sizes of development with a focus on neighborhood and neighborhood needs for a human scale
- the Landmark/Van Dorn area should become a gateway for the City of Alexandria
- establish and re-enforce a neighborhood character.

The CDD Zone, with its encouragement of mixed use will promote all these community goals and enhance the general neighborhood. The CDD Zone is designed to encourage a mixture of uses appropriate for this gateway area into the City.

2. As stated above in response to No. 1, the CDD Zone will be consistent with the proposed Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan and will be an ideal zone for a gateway into the City. In addition, it is in the vicinity of a Metro Station and will have access to other modes of transportation on the west end of the City.

The CDD Zone also promotes coordinated transit services and encourages planning with safe, convenient and attractive pedestrian access.

3. The CDD Zone encourages creativity in project design and enables the City to analyze proposed applications for development in relationship to public facilities and services. This location is close to the Van Dorn Metro Station, and any development in this area will provide shuttle bus service to the station for residents. In addition, with improvements at the intersection of South Pickett and South Van Dorn Streets, along with an additional north/south street adjacent to the development, and an east/west parallel street, the Landmark Gateway plan creates an urban

grid system in conformity not only with the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan but also with general planning principles for the City of Alexandria.

The parking provided will be predominately underground with adequate surface parking for the retail shops along Pickett and Van Dorn Streets. In addition, there will be on-street parking provided along Pickett Street and on the internal streets of the development.

There is adequate police and fire service to this area, and stormwater management system, as well as other utilities are available for the proposed development.

4. This application is not intended for a conditional zoning approval pursuant to Section 11-804 of the Zoning Ordinance. However, along with this application for rezoning, the applicant is filing a Special Use Permit Application for a Preliminary Development Plan in accordance with provisions of the CDD Zone, and a Transportation Management Special Use Permit.

#### Attachment 3

#### Justification for Amendment to Master Plan

The applications submitted for the Landmark Gateway development are based upon, and in anticipation of, the adoption by the City of the proposed Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan ("Corridor Plan") prior to the presentation of the Landmark Gateway applications to the Planning Commission and City Council for consideration. Therefore, the justification for the Zoning Map Amendment, Development Special Use Permit, including Site Plan, and Transportation Management Special Use Permit is based upon the goals and recommendations in the draft Corridor Plan. The Landmark Gateway project fully conforms to the proposed Corridor Plan. It now appears,however, that adoption of the Corridor Plan may be delayed beyond January 2009, but because of the financial arrangements for the development, it is extremely important that the Landmark Gateway applications are approved in the month of January. Any delay beyond this date could have serious financial consequences for the project.

The purpose of this application for a Master Plan Amendment for the Landmark Gateway property (Tax Map # 67.02-02-05, 67.02-02-06, and 67.02-02-07) is to request a change to the existing Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan to accommodate the Landmark Gateway project in the event the Corridor Plan is delayed. The applicant has worked with the City staff and the community to design a project which would conform to the expected planning and zoning standards of the draft Corridor Plan. In addition, Michael McGuire, the project manager, is a member of the Landmark/Van Dorn Advisory Group and has regularly participated in the planning process. In light of the progress of the Corridor Plan and the general support of the Landmark Gateway project in the community, the applicant is requesting that a Master Plan Amendment be adopted to accommodate the Landmark Gateway applications for approval during the month of January.

The applicant requests that the Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan be amended to permit Residential/Retail Mixed Use Development on the subject property. This requires an amendment to Map 10, Land Use, to change the proposed land use from Industrial to Commercial/Residential/Mixed Use; an amendment to Zoning Map 13, , from Industrial Zone to Coordinated Development District (CDD) Zone; and, in addition, an amendment to the Height Limit, Map 16, from 50 feet to 50-65 feet on the subject property. We also request that any additional changes that may be necessary as determined by the Department of Planning & Zoning also be adopted by the Planning Commission and City Council.

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# APPLICATION

## **REVISED DECEMBER 3, 2008**

# CDD DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN

CDD # 2008-0003

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PROPERTY LOCATION:	520 South Van Dorn Street, 631 and 641 South Pickett Street	
TAX MAP REFERENCE:	67.02-02-05, 67.02-02-06, 67.02-02-07 ZONE: CDD	
APPLICANT'S NAME: ADDRESS:	Green City Development, LLC	
	5403 Edgemoor Lane Bethesda, MD 20814	
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PROPERTY OWNER NAME:	Gateway Holding I, LLC	
ADDRESS:	5403 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814	
REQUEST:	Approval of a Development Concept Plan for a portion of CDD in the	
Landmark/Van Dorn planning area,	Sec. 5-604, Zoning Ordinance	

**THE UNDERSIGNED** hereby applies for CDD Development Concept Plan approval in accordance with the provisions of Section 5-600 of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria to post placard notice on the property for which this application is requested, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

**THE UNDERSIGNED** hereby attests that all of the information herein provided and specifically including all surveys, drawings, etc., required to be furnished by the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief. The applicant is hereby notified that any written materials, drawings or illustrations submitted in support of this application and any specific oral representations made to the Planning Commission or City Council in the course of public hearings on this application will be binding on the applicant unless those materials or representations are clearly stated to be non-binding or illustrative of general plans and intentions, subject to substantial revision, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-207(A)(10), of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

J. Howard Middleton	
Print Name of Applicant or Agent	

<u>3110 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 1400</u> Mailing/Street Address

Signa

(703) 641-4225 Telephone # (<u>703) 641-4340</u> Fax #

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Zip	Code	

December 3, 2008 Date

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# Attachment 2 LANDMARK GATEWAY APPLICATION

#### **Narrative Description**

The Landmark Gateway development is planned in response to the new Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan to be adopted by the City. In 2005, the City Council initiated a planning process for the West End area known as Landmark/Van Dorn. This area is anchored to the north by the Landmark Mall and to the south by the intersection of South Pickett Street and South Van Dorn Street. Since that time the planning area has been extended to include the vicinity of the Van Dorn Metro station on Eisenhower Avenue. The purpose of the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan is to establish a framework and urban planning principles for the redevelopment of this area, which consists today of warehouse and industrial uses and a mix of retail and shopping center uses as well as residential buildings. In fact, the Landmark Gateway site is presently occupied by a storage facility, office supply service and/a marble wholesale/retail establishment.

The Landmark Gateway development is poised at the southern gateway into the Landmark/Van Dorn area, at the prominent corner of South Van Dorn Street and South Pickett Street. The parcel of land consists of 6.31 acres and is the initial view of the city for persons arriving from the Van Dorn/Beltway interchange. The proposed concept plan consists of three buildings with access from South Pickett Street and South Van Dorn Street. The building facing South Pickett Street and Van Dorn Street will consist of retail on the first level with residential rental apartments extending for four floors above the retail. The second building to the north faces a courtyard also and consists of residential above retail and service use on the ground floor. The third building to the east, facing both South Pickett Street and the courtyard, will be solely residential use in five floors. The buildings will be 60-65 feet in height. The development will consist of approximately 35,000 sq. ft. of retail space and approximately 457,000

sq. ft. of residential use in approximately 431 dwelling units, together with underground parking and surface parking adjacent to the retail stores within the courtyard. The apartments will be of diverse types: 32 efficiencies; 228 one bedroom; 44 one bedroom and den; 113 two bedrooms; and 14 2 bedrooms and den.

The development will be constructed in two phases with Building 3 (facing Pickett Street) and Building 1 (to the north of the courtyard) in Phase 1 and Building 2 (east side), Phase 2. A final site plan will be submitted for each phase separately. The total floor area is approximately 550,000 sq. ft. (net), including residential, retail and a portion of the parking structure. The FAR is approximately 2.0 for the entire development.

Off street parking provided will be 782 spaces, with most of the spaces constructed underground as reflected on the site plan. A request for a parking reduction of 21 spaces, along with a Shared Parking Study is included in the special use permit application for a Preliminary Development Plan.

The Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan promulgates the following community goals for the enhancement of the neighborhood:

• provide for a variety of housing types including mid-rise and high-rise units;

 maintain a diverse mix of ownership and rental housing with market rate, affordable and work force housing;

 provide a mix of uses and sizes of development with a focus on neighborhood and neighborhood needs on a human scale;

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• the Landmark/Van Dorn area should become a gateway for the City of Alexandria; and

• establish and reinforce a neighborhood character.

The Landmark Gateway concept plan proposed with this application meets every one of these community goals set forth by the planning group. The mix of uses with pedestrian-friendly retail on the ground floor at the corner of South Pickett Street and South Van Dorn Street creates an attractive neighborhood character for those living and working on the site as well as for persons coming into the city from the south. The design, with the focus on the Van Dorn/Pickett corner, provides a gateway into the City of Alexandria, and the rental apartments provide a needed housing type for this area of the city.

The Area Plan also establishes goals for Transportation, Open Space and Civic Amenities, as follows:

provide coordinated transit services throughout the area and increase transit ridership;

create a safe, convenient, and attractive pedestrian and bicycle access; and

provide off-street dedicated pedestrian and bicycle paths.

The proposed Landmark Gateway plan contributes to each of these community goals. With widened sidewalks and retail on the ground level, the project is pedestrian-friendly and enticing to the members of the community as well as the general public. It is also relatively close to the Van Dorn Metro station and will provide shuttle bus service to the station for residents. With the improvements at the intersection of South Pickett and South Van Dorn Streets, along with an additional north-south street through the development and an east-west street parallel to Pickett Street, the Landmark Gateway plan creates a urban grid system in conformity not only with the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan but also with general planning principles for the City of Alexandria.

The pedestrian-friendly retail uses at the important Van Dorn/Pickett intersection will become a focal point for this part of Alexandria. A public improvement project for this intersection will be constructed

by the applicant. This improvement to Pickett Street will accommodate turning movements at the intersection with Van Dorn Street, as requested by City staff, and add 19 street parking spaces on Pickett Street. In addition, a courtyard between the buildings accessible to pedestrians and motor vehicles will be attractively landscaped and become a significant amenity for the residents of the development, along with the retail customers and general public. The connecting roads have been designed so that when adjacent properties to the north and to the east are redeveloped, the grid system will fit perfectly with the overall framework of the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan.

The Landmark Gateway plan will not only enhance the character of this neighborhood but also will encourage owners of neighboring and adjacent properties to redevelop their sites in conformity with the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan.

#### Traffic Impact Study

The Landmark/Van Dorn Plan includes a study of transportation needs for the area. The Transportation Element Technical Report for the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan was prepared by VHB Vanasse Hanger Brustlin, Inc. and published in January 2007 and a Transportation Planning Overview was presented to the Advisory Group in April 2008. The study and overview address the traffic/transportation issues of the Pickett Street/Van Dorn area where the Landmark Gateway project is located. In light of the extensive study undertaken by the City's consultant, Mr. Culpeper, the deputy director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services waived the requirement of a new study for this application. The proposed development is consistent with the levels of development considered in the City study. The project consultant, instead, was directed to submit a Transportation Management Plan based on the City study and, in addition, submit a traffic impact analysis (TIA)

required by VDOT pursuant to the state law commonly known as the 527 regulations. The Transportation Management Plan is attached to this application.

# Shared Parking

The off-street parking required for the Landmark Gateway is 803 spaces; 782 spaces are provided as shown on the site plan. The full Code parking is not required for this development, primarily because there is ample opportunity for shared parking between the residential and retail uses. A study as evidence of this conclusion is attached to the application for special use permit for the Preliminary Development Plan.

In an initial review of the Shared Parking Study, the Transportation and Environmental Services staff requested the exclusion of Building 2 parking since no shared parking is located in the Building 2 parking structure. In response to this request, an addendum to Landmark Gateway I Shared Parking Study, dated October 31, 2008, is also attached. It should be noted that the required or necessary parking numbers may differ from the calculations in the Zoning Tabulations. These differences result from the transportation consultant using ULI standards for specific uses, as suggested by City staff, rather than strict adherence to the City's zoning requirements.

#### **REVISED DECEMBER 3, 2008**

# APPLICATION for DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT with SITE PLAN DSUP #<u>2006-002</u>

#### PROJECT NAME: Landmark Gateway

PROPERTY LOCATION: 520 South Van Dorn Street, 631 and 641 South Pickett Street

TAX MAP REFERENCE: 67-02-02-05, 67.02-02-06, 67.02-02-07 ZONE: CDD

APPLICANT Name: <u>Green City Development, LLC</u> Address: 5403 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814

PROPERTY OWNER Name: <u>Gateway Holding I, LLC</u> Address: 5403 Edgemoor Lane, <u>Bethesda</u>, <u>MD 20814</u>

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL: <u>Request approval of Preliminary Development Plan for mixed use</u> <u>development consisting of retail and multi-family dwellings on 6.31 acres of land in the</u> Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan

MODIFICATIONS REQUESTED:

SUP's REQUESTED. Preliminary Development Plan, Sec. 5-605, Zoning Ordinance

<u>THE UNDERSIGNED</u> hereby applies for Development Site Plan, with Special Use Permit, approval in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

<u>THE UNDERSIGNED</u>, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria to post placard notice on the property for which this application is requested, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-301 (B) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

<u>THE UNDERSIGNED</u> also attests that all of the information herein provided and specifically including all surveys, drawings, etc., required of the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

J. Howard Middleton Print Name of Applicant or Agent 3110 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 1400 Mailing/Street Address

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# Development Special Use Permit with Site Plan (DSUP) # 2006-0021

All applicants must complete this form.

Supplemental forms are required for child care facilities, restaurants, automobile oriented uses and freestanding signs requiring special use permit approval.

1.

The applicant is the (*check one*):

[] Owner [] Contract Purchaser

[]Lessee

[X] Other: developer

State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent.

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[X] Yes. Provide proof of current City business license

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# NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

2. The applicant shall describe below the nature of the request in detail so that the Planning Commission and City Council can understand the nature of the operation and the use, including such items as the nature of the activity, the number and type of patrons, the number of employees, the hours, how parking is to be provided for employees and patrons, and whether the use will generate any noise. If not appropriate to the request, delete pages 4-7.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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many patrons, clients, pupils and other such users do you expect	Specify time

Residents of 431 dwelling units and employees and customers for approximately 35,000 square feet of retail space

4. How many employees, staff and other personnel do you expect? Specify time period (i.e. day, hour, or shift).

Normal business hours for retail use. The number of employees will be typical for residential and retail use.

5. Describe the proposed hours and days of operation of the proposed use:

- 6. Describe any potential noise emanating from the proposed use:
  - A. Describe the noise levels anticipated from all mechanical equipment and patrons.

B. How will the noise from patrons be controlled?

N.A.

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7. Describe any potential odors emanating from the proposed use and plans to control them:

Odors from restaurants will be contained with mechanical equipment

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- 8. Provide information regarding trash and litter generated by the use:
  - A. What type of trash and garbage will be generated by the use? <u>Normal trash from residence and retail establishments</u>
  - B. How much trash and garbage will be generated by the use?
     <u>Normal trash for general retail and residential use</u>
  - C. How often will trash be collected? At least once a week. Each building has been provided with an enclosed loading area and dock within the building envelope and accessed by a service entrance. There are two loading berths at each loading area for a total of six loading berths. At each residential floor level a trash chute is provided that terminates at a trash compactor and trash room with rolling dumpsters adjacent to the loading docks. After trash is compacted, the dumpsters are wheeled from the trash rooms to the loading berths for removal by truck. Trash rooms are provided at retail areas. Trash generated by retail areas that are not adjacent to the loading docks is temporarily stored in trash rooms and when necessary, transported to the loading dock trash rooms for removal.
  - D. How will you prevent littering on the property, streets and nearby properties?
     Policing of area by employees of development
- 9. Will any hazardous materials, as defined by the state or federal government, be handled, stored, or generated on the property?

[] Yes. [X] No.

If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:

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[] Yes. [X] No.

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11. What methods are proposed to ensure the safety of residents, employees and patrons?

N.A.

#### ALCOHOL SALES

12. Will the proposed use include the sale of beer, wine, or mixed drinks?

[]Yes. []No.

If yes, describe alcohol sales below, including if the ABC license will include on-premises and/or off-premises sales. Existing uses must describe their existing alcohol sales and/or service and identify any proposed changes in that aspect of the operation.

Possible sale by individual restaurants and retail stores.

# PARKING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

13. Provide information regarding the availability of off-street parking:



A. How many parking spaces are required for the proposed use pursuant to section 8-200 (A) of the zoning ordinance?

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B. How many parking spaces of each type are provided for the proposed use:

559 Standard spaces

207 Compact spaces

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\_\_\_\_Other.

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C. Where is required parking located? (*check one*)

[X] on-site [] off-site.

If the required parking will be located off-site, where will it be located:

Pursuant to section 8-200 (C) of the zoning ordinance, commercial and industrial uses may provide off-site parking within 500 feet of the proposed use, provided that the off-site parking is located on land zoned for commercial or industrial uses. All other uses must provide parking on-site, except that off-street parking may be provided within 300 feet of the use with a special use permit.

- D. If a reduction in the required parking is requested, pursuant to section 8-100 (A) (4) or (5) of the zoning ordinance, complete the PARKING REDUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.
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Off street parking provided will be 782 spaces, with most of the spaces constructed underground as reflected on the site plan. A request for a parking reduction of 21 spaces, along with a Shared Parking Study is included in the special use permit application for a Preliminary Development Plan.

The Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan promulgates the following community goals for the enhancement of the neighborhood:

provide for a variety of housing types including mid-rise and high-rise units;

maintain a diverse mix of ownership and rental housing with market rate, affordable and work force housing;

provide a mix of uses and sizes of development with a focus on neighborhood and neighborhood needs on a human scale;

the Landmark/Van Dorn area should become a gateway for the City of Alexandria; and

establish and reinforce a neighborhood character.

The Landmark Gateway concept plan proposed with this application meets every one of these community goals set forth by the planning group. The mix of uses with pedestrian-friendly retail on the ground floor at the corner of South Pickett Street and South Van Dorn Street creates an attractive neighborhood character for those living and working on the site as well as for persons coming into the city from the south. The design, with the focus on the Van Dorn/Pickett corner, provides a gateway into the City of Alexandria, and the rental apartments provide a needed housing type for this area of the city.

The Area Plan also establishes goals for Transportation, Open Space and Civic Amenities, as follows:

• provide coordinated transit services throughout the area and increase transit ridership;

• create a safe, convenient, and attractive pedestrian and bicycle access; and

• provide off-street dedicated pedestrian and bicycle paths.

The proposed Landmark Gateway plan contributes to each of these community goals. With widened sidewalks and retail on the ground level, the project is pedestrian-friendly and enticing to the members of the community as well as the general public. It is also relatively close to the Van Dorn Metro station and will provide shuttle bus service to the station for residents. With the improvements at the intersection of South Pickett and South Van Dorn Streets, along with an additional north-south street through the development and an east-west street parallel to Pickett Street, the Landmark Gateway plan creates a urban grid system in conformity not only with the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan but also with general planning principles for the City of Alexandria.

The pedestrian-friendly retail uses at the important Van Dorn/Pickett intersection will become a focal point for this part of Alexandria. A public improvement project for this intersection will be constructed

by the applicant. This improvement to Pickett Street will accommodate turning movements at the intersection with Van Dorn Street, as requested by City staff, and add 19 street parking spaces on Pickett Street. In addition, a courtyard between the buildings accessible to pedestrians and motor vehicles will be attractively landscaped and become a significant amenity for the residents of the development, along with the retail customers and general public. The connecting roads have been designed so that when adjacent properties to the north and to the east are redeveloped, the grid system will fit perfectly with the overall framework of the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan.

The Landmark Gateway plan will not only enhance the character of this neighborhood but also will encourage owners of neighboring and adjacent properties to redevelop their sites in conformity with the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan.

## Traffic Impact Study

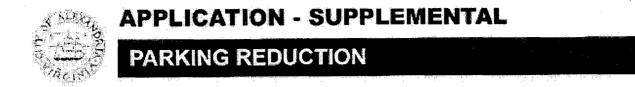
The Landmark/Van Dorn Plan includes a study of transportation needs for the area. The Transportation Element Technical Report for the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan was prepared by VHB Vanasse Hanger Brustlin, Inc. and published in January 2007 and a Transportation Planning Overview was presented to the Advisory Group in April 2008. The study and overview address the traffic/transportation issues of the Pickett Street/Van Dorn area where the Landmark Gateway project is located. In light of the extensive study undertaken by the City's consultant, Mr. Culpeper, the deputy director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services waived the requirement of a new study for this application. The proposed development is consistent with the levels of development considered in the City study. The project consultant, instead, was directed to submit a Transportation Management Plan based on the City study and, in addition, submit a traffic impact analysis (TIA)

required by VDOT pursuant to the state law commonly known as the 527 regulations. The Transportation Management Plan is attached to this application.

## Shared Parking

The off-street parking required for the Landmark Gateway is 803 spaces; 782 spaces are provided as shown on the site plan. The full Code parking is not required for this development, primarily because there is ample opportunity for shared parking between the residential and retail uses. A study as evidence of this conclusion is attached to the application for special use permit for the Preliminary Development Plan.

In an initial review of the Shared Parking Study, the Transportation and Environmental Services staff requested the exclusion of Building 2 parking since no shared parking is located in the Building 2 parking structure. In response to this request, an addendum to Landmark Gateway I Shared Parking Study, dated October 31, 2008, is also attached. It should be noted that the required or necessary parking numbers may differ from the calculations in the Zoning Tabulations. These differences result from the transportation consultant using ULI standards for specific uses, as suggested by City staff, rather than strict adherence to the City's zoning requirements.



Supplemental information to be completed by applicants requesting special use permit approval of a reduction in the required parking pursuant to section 8-100(A)(4) or (5).

**1. Describe the requested parking reduction.** (e.g. number of spaces, stacked parking, size, off-site location

The mixed use development (residential and retail) has an off-street parking requirement of 803 parking spaces. The applicant is requesting a reduction of 21 standard spaces and will provide 782 off-street parking spaces.

# 2. Provide a statement of justification for the proposed parking reduction.

The parking required by the City is more than necessary, particularly for rental apartment use, as shown in the Shared Parking Study and addendum prepared by PHR&A, which states that 742 parking spaces are needed for this development, 61 less than the 803 spaces required by Code. However, the applicant proposes to provide 782 spaces on site, a reduction of only 21 spaces. Also, 21 on street spaces will be created by the development on Pickett Street and the other adjacent public streets within the development. The evidence of needed parking shown in the Study combined with the 21 new on street spaces justify the slight reduction of 21 spaces requested by this application. Please take note that the study utilizes ULI standards for specific uses as suggested by City staff.

## 3. Why is it not feasible to provide the required parking?

A mixed use project is ideal for a shared parking approach to providing sufficient parking for the development, particularly in an area with shuttle service to a Metro Station and adequate bus service. The Shared Parking Study indicates that the full Code required parking is unnecessary in an area in which public transportation is strongly encouraged.

4. Will the proposed reduction reduce the number of available parking spaces below the number of existing parking spaces?

\_\_\_\_Yes.

No.

The site is planned for redevelopment in accordance with the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan.

5. If the requested reduction is for more than five parking spaces, the applicant must submit a *Parking Management Plan* which identifies the location and number of parking spaces both onsite and off-site, the availability of on-street parking, any proposed methods of mitigating negative affects of the parking reduction.

The location of the parking spaces is shown on the site plan. New 21 on street parking spaces will be created on Pickett Street adjacent to the site and the other rights of way within the site. Shared parking is the method utilized to mitigate the reduction, as described in the Shared Parking Study enclosed with this application.

6. The applicant must also demonstrate that the reduction in parking will not have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

The Shared Parking Study indicates that all necessary parking will be on site and there will be no impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

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#### APPLICATION **Revised December 3, 2008**



SPECIAL USE PERM

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #

PROPERTY LOCATION: 520 South Van Dorn Street, 631 and 641 South Pickett Street

ZONE: CDD TAX MAP REFERENCE: 67.02-02-05, 67-02-02-06, 67.02-02-07

#### **APPLICANT:**

Name: Green City Development, LLC

Address: 5403 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814

PROPOSED USE: Transportation Development Plan Special Use Permit (Sec. 11-700, Zoning Ordinance) for Landmark Gateway in Landmark/Van Dorn Planning Area

[]THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby applies for a Special Use Permit in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 4-11-500 of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

[]THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria staff and Commission Members to visit, inspect, and photograph the building premises, land etc., connected with the application.

[ ]THE UNDERSIGNED, having obtained permission from the property owner, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria to post placard notice on the property for which this application is requested, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4-1404(D)(7) of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

[]THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby attests that all of the information herein provided and specifically including all surveys, drawings, etc., required to be furnished by the applicant are true, correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief. The applicant is hereby notified that any written materials, drawings or illustrations submitted in support of this application and any specific oral representations made to the Director of Planning and Zoning on this application will be binding on the applicant unless those materials or representations are clearly stated to be nonbinding or illustrative of general plans and intentions, subject to substantial revision, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11-207(A)(10), of the 1992 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

J. Howard Middleton Print Name of Applicant or Agent

3110 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 1400 Mailing/Street Address

Falls Church, Virginia City and State

(703) 641-4225 Telephone #

(703) 641-4340

DATE: \*\*

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20242 Zip Code

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PROPERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION
As the property owner of <u>520 South Van Dorn Street, 631 and 641 South Pickett Street</u> , I hereby (Property Address)
grant the applicant authorization to apply for the <u>Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permit</u> use a (use)
lescribed in this application.
Name: Michael E. McGuire Phone (301) 652-2890
Address: <u>5403 Edgemoon Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814</u> Email: <u>mikemcguire@Telco.net</u>
Signature: h h h h h h h h h h h h h h h h h h h
1. Floor Plan and Plot Plan. As a part of this application, the applicant is required to submit a floor plan and plot or site plan with the parking layout of the proposed use. The SUP application checklist lists the requirements of the floor and site plans. The Planning Director may waive requirements for plan submission upon receipt of a written request which adequately justifies a waiver.

[] Required floor plan and plot/site plan attached.

[] Requesting a waiver. See attached written request.

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# **USE CHARACTERISTICS**

**4.** The proposed special use permit request is for (check one):

[] a new use requiring a special use permit,

- [] an expansion or change to an existing use without a special use permit,
- [] an expansion or change to an existing use with a special use permit,

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- 5. Please describe the capacity of the proposed use:
  - A. How many patrons, clients, pupils and other such users do you expect? Specify time period (i.e., day, hour, or shift).

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Day:

Hours:

Residential use

24 hours a day

Retail use - normal business hours

7. Please describe any potential noise emanating from the proposed use.

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   N/A
- B. How will the noise be controlled?

N/A

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If yes, provide the name, monthly quantity, and specific disposal method below:

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**12.** What methods are proposed to ensure the safety of nearby residents, employees and patrons?

N/A		· .	•	
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[] off-site

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#### SITE CHARACTERISTICS

- 17. Will the proposed uses be located in an existing building? [] Yes [] No
  Do you propose to construct an addition to the building? [] Yes [] No
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- **18.** What will the total area occupied by the proposed use be?

\_\_\_\_ sq. ft. (existing) + \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft. (addition if any) = <u>549,000</u> sq. ft. (total)

- **19.** The proposed use is located in: (*check one*)
  - [] a stand alone building
  - [] a house located in a residential zone
  - [] a warehouse
  - [] a shopping center. Please provide name of the center:\_\_\_\_\_

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The Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan promulgates the following community goals for the enhancement of the neighborhood:

• provide for a variety of housing types including mid-rise and high-rise units;

- maintain a diverse mix of ownership and rental housing with market rate, affordable and work force housing;
- provide a mix of uses and sizes of development with a focus on neighborhood and neighborhood needs on a human scale;
- the Landmark/Van Dorn area should become a gateway for the City of Alexandria; and
- establish and reinforce a neighborhood character.

The Landmark Gateway concept plan proposed with this application meets every one of these community goals set forth by the planning group. The mix of uses with pedestrian-friendly retail on the ground floor at the corner of South Pickett Street and South Van Dorn Street creates an attractive neighborhood character for those living and working on the site as well as for persons coming into the city from the south. The design, with the focus on the Van Dorn/Pickett corner, provides a gateway into the City of Alexandria, and the rental apartments provide a needed housing type for this area of the city.

The Area Plan also establishes goals for Transportation, Open Space and Civic Amenities, as follows:

• provide coordinated transit services throughout the area and increase transit ridership;

• create a safe, convenient, and attractive pedestrian and bicycle access; and

provide off-street dedicated pedestrian and bicycle paths.

The proposed Landmark Gateway plan contributes to each of these community goals. With widened sidewalks and retail on the ground level, the project is pedestrian-friendly and enticing to the members of the community as well as the general public. It is also relatively close to the Van Dorn Metro station and will provide shuttle bus service to the station for residents. With the improvements at the intersection of South Pickett and South Van Dorn Streets, along with an additional north-south street through the development and an east-west street parallel to Pickett Street, the Landmark Gateway plan creates a urban grid system in conformity not only with the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan but also with general planning principles for the City of Alexandria.

The pedestrian-friendly retail uses at the important Van Dorn/Pickett intersection will become a focal point for this part of Alexandria. A public improvement project for this intersection will be constructed

by the applicant. This improvement to Pickett Street will accommodate turning movements at the intersection with Van Dorn Street, as requested by City staff, and add 19 street parking spaces on Pickett Street. In addition, a courtyard between the buildings accessible to pedestrians and motor vehicles will be attractively landscaped and become a significant amenity for the residents of the development, along with the retail customers and general public. The connecting roads have been designed so that when adjacent properties to the north and to the east are redeveloped, the grid system will fit perfectly with the overall framework of the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan.

The Landmark Gateway plan will not only enhance the character of this neighborhood but also will encourage owners of neighboring and adjacent properties to redevelop their sites in conformity with the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan.

#### Traffic Impact Study

The Landmark/Van Dorn Plan includes a study of transportation needs for the area. The Transportation Element Technical Report for the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan was prepared by VHB Vanasse Hanger Brustlin, Inc. and published in January 2007 and a Transportation Planning Overview was presented to the Advisory Group in April 2008. The study and overview address the traffic/transportation issues of the Pickett Street/Van Dorn area where the Landmark Gateway project is located. In light of the extensive study undertaken by the City's consultant, Mr. Culpeper, the deputy director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services waived the requirement of a new study for this application. The proposed development is consistent with the levels of development considered in the City study. The project consultant, instead, was directed to submit a Transportation Management Plan based on the City study and, in addition, submit a traffic impact analysis (TIA)

required by VDOT pursuant to the state law commonly known as the 527 regulations. The Transportation Management Plan is attached to this application.

# Shared Parking

The off-street parking required for the Landmark Gateway is 803 spaces; 782 spaces are provided as shown on the site plan. The full Code parking is not required for this development, primarily because there is ample opportunity for shared parking between the residential and retail uses. A study as evidence of this conclusion is attached to the application for special use permit for the Preliminary Development Plan.

In an initial review of the Shared Parking Study, the Transportation and Environmental Services staff requested the exclusion of Building 2 parking since no shared parking is located in the Building 2 parking structure. In response to this request, an addendum to Landmark Gateway I Shared Parking Study, dated October 31, 2008, is also attached. It should be noted that the required or necessary parking numbers may differ from the calculations in the Zoning Tabulations. These differences result from the transportation consultant using ULI standards for specific uses, as suggested by City staff, rather than strict adherence to the City's zoning requirements.