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Subject: James Bland - public hearings for concept phase of public park

Hello all -

as you are likely aware, the first phase of the Old Town Commons/James Bland Redevelopment is under construction and the final permits for phase 2 are in for review.

One of the conditions of approval requires that the design for the public park be presented for public comments to the community, and then approved, prior to Certificate of Occupancy release for the first phase of construction. The concept plan for the park, which will be located on the block between N Patrick, N Alfred, Madison and Montgomery, has been submitted by EYA, and we wanted to let you know about two opportunities to review and comment on it.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss the plan on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm. The public hearing will be held at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, so will be very convenient to the neighborhood.

Additionally, the park design will go to the Parker-Gray BAR as an informational item under Other Business at the October 27th hearing, after the Parks and Recreation Commission and public have had an opportunity to make their comments and recommendations. This meeting is held at City Hall, in the Council Chambers at 7:30pm. The Parker-Gray BAR will make its final approval of park elements within its purview as part of the Certificate of Appropriateness process for that phase.

We have the plans available, if you would like to take a look at them at ahead of time. Again, we are only approving the Concept Plan, so many details will be worked out once we get to that particular block.

Parks and Recreation Commission Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm, Charles Houston Recreation Center
Parker-Gray BAR Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions

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