

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 31, 2023

TO: GLORIA SITTON
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF COUNCIL

THRU: KARL W. MORITZ, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

FROM: LEON VIGNES, STAFF LIAISON
CARLYLE/EISENHOWER EAST DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2023 CARLYLE/EISENHOWER EAST DESIGN REVIEW
BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

It is my pleasure to provide this annual report for the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board (“DRB”) for fiscal year 2023 (“FY 2023”), as required by City Code Section 2-4-7(i)(l). The DRB is comprised of two design professionals (architects Siti Abdul-Rahman and Eric Colbert), a City Manager designee (City Architect, Tom Canfield), a City Council Representative (Councilman R. Kirk McPike), and a citizen member (Charles Paul).

The primary role of the DRB is to review development applications within the Carlyle and Eisenhower East districts of the City of Alexandria. The DRB also provides design guidance to Staff and makes formal recommendations to the Alexandria Planning Commission and City Council. The DRB is scheduled to meet every other month, but only if there is a project to review. Extra meetings may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis.

The DRB met on three occasions during FY 2023 and rendered opinions on two separate projects in various phases of the planning process. The meetings held and projects discussed during FY2023 are detailed as follows:

I. Hearing Date: July 21, 2022

Carlyle Block C Rooftop Amendment – 1940 Duke Street

The applicant and their design team presented a concept proposal to add a conference room and modify the existing tower structure at the penthouse level of the existing building located at 1940 Duke Street. The DRB voted to approve the concept submission for the proposed Carlyle Block C rooftop amendment. The DRB also voted to

recommend approval of an amendment to the Carlyle Block C Design Guidelines to modify the maximum building height.

The DRB received a subsequent DRB submission of the proposed architecture via email on Friday, July 29, 2022. On Monday, August 8, 2022, staff scheduled additional, individual briefings with DRB members Paul, Lewis, Quill and Canfield, to confirm their positions on each of the DRB Actions from the DRB meeting on July 21, 2022, as well as to evaluate the degree to which the revised material addressed the action items. The only Board member who was not available was Councilmember McPike.

II. Hearing Date: September 15, 2022

Carlyle Block P Materials Boards – North + South Towers – 765 John Carlyle Street

The applicant and design team presented the materials boards for the northern office tower and southern senior living tower. Motion to approve the materials board was approved unanimously.

III. Hearing Date: February 22, 2023

Appointment of Architectural Appointees

In accordance with its bylaws, the DRB appointed two design professionals from a pool of three applicants. The new members replaced Roger Lewis and Lee Quill, whose terms had expired. The new The two new DRB members are:

- Siti Abdul-Rahman, AIA. Siti Abdul-Rahman is a Managing Principal at WDG Architecture. She graduated with her Master of Architecture degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1989.
- Eric Colbert, AIA. Eric Colbert leads an award-winning architectural practice focused on urban revitalization, multifamily residential design, and historic preservation. He earned his professional degree in architecture in 1975 from Cornell University.

ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
CARLYLE/EISENHOWER EAST DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (“DRB”)
MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT
JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

ACTING CHAIRPERSON: Tom Canfield, City Architect

MEMBER’S NAME	Jul 21	Aug	Sep 15	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb 22	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Roger Lewis*	X		X					n/a				
Lee Quill*	X		E					n/a				
Councilman R. Kirk McPike	X		X					X				
Tom Canfield	X		X					X				
Eric Colbert**	n/a		n/a					n/a				
Siti Abdul Rahman **	n/a		n/a					n/a				
Charles Paul	X		X					X				

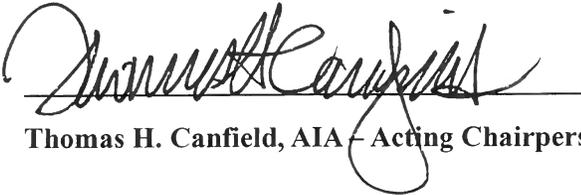
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**Term ended mid-year*

***Term began mid-year*

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS: N/A

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON



Thomas H. Canfield, AIA - Acting Chairperson & City Architect