



CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

DATE: December 13, 2016
TO: Mayor Tarter and Members of City Council
FROM: Streetscape Taskforce
SUBJECT: Streetscape Standards Update

Background

On May 9, 2016,, the City Council chartered the Streetscape Taskforce to provide recommendation on updates to the City's Streetscape standards and guidelines. The charter asked the Taskforce to explore three specific elements:

1. Street cross sections;
2. Street furniture – benches, street cans, bike racks, bus shelters, street lights; and
3. Tree pits and plantings.

The Charter also stated that upon completion of recommendation in these area, additional elements identified by the Taskforce as needing review and update can be scheduled for later work (examples might include wayfinding signage, public art, or other areas of interest).

Recommendation

The Streetscape Taskforce recommends that the City's streetscape standards be consolidated and updated into a single document, see attached. The attached document represents the combined efforts of the Streetscape Taskforce. Further, the draft standards have been reviewed by the City's boards and commissions, the Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS), the Chamber of Commerce, and the staff development review committee (DRC).

The Streetscape Taskforce recommends that the draft Standards be adopted by Council as an update and consolidation of the City's existing standards.

For Further Review

In developing the draft Standards, the Taskforce identified several issues that would benefit from review and update. Those issues include:

1. Updating setback requirements for the first floor of new buildings

2. Procedures for permitting outdoor dining spaces
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List of Attachments

1. Streetscape Taskforce Charter
2. Draft Streetscape Standards v(latest version)