

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 29, 2023

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

THRU: KARL MORITZ, DIRECTOR
PLANNING & ZONING

FROM: JEREMY FRETTS, CHAIR
POTOMAC YARD DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: FY 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT of the PYDAC

This is the submittal is for the Annual Report for the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee (PYDAC) for the Fiscal Year 2023, as required by City Code Section 2-4-7(i)(1).

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee is to review development applications for development within CDD #10 (Potomac Yard (South) and CDD #19 (North Potomac Yard) for consistency with the Potomac Yard Design Guidelines and the North Potomac Yard Design Guidelines and the North Potomac Yard Design Excellence Standards. PYDAC provides guidance to staff and makes formal recommendations to the Planning Commission on new development proposals as well as amendments to previously approved projects. The Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee did not meet during the 2022/2023 session. This was due in part to the absence of any new submission or amendments to previously approved submissions. The is due in part to the slow down by Amazon, the uncertainty over the economy and the longer-term impacts from the COVID pandemic.

Policy and Membership Accomplishments

None during this fiscal year.

Program Accomplishments

In FY2022, PYDAC did not meet as no projects came forward for review.

Actions for the Coming Year

The Committee will continue to be available to provide any necessary reviews of changes to approved buildings in Phase 1 of North Potomac Yard and provide reviews of any new projects in the remaining land bays in South Potomac Yard.

The Committee is always available to receive status updates on projects under construction.

Leadership

- Jeremy Fretts, Chair.
- Melissa Bennett, Vice-Chair (term expired 01.12.2022)

New Members and Expirations

- Brandon Mansur (appointed 9.13.2022 through 9.30.2024)

Terms

Name	Term Expiration	Role
Jeremy Fretts (Chair)	June 14, 2024	Architect
Nancy Appleby	June 14, 2025	Potomac Yard Area Rep
Melissa Bennett (Vice-Chair)	January 12, 2023	Landscape Architect
James Horsman	December 14, 2023	Potomac East Rep
Alex Stack	March 8, 2024	Potomac Yard Area Rep
Sean Sweeney	March 9, 2023	Potomac West Rep
Carl Welliver	November 9, 2023 (resigned)	Civic Association in Potomac Yard Rep
Brandon Masur	September 30, 2024	Potomac West Rep
Vacant		Business Community Rep
Vacant		National Park Service Rep
Vacant		Potomac East Rep

Committee Attendance

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

As noted earlier the Committee did not meet during the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 20, 2023. The Committee last met on May 18, 2022, and has a meeting scheduled for July 26, 2023. At the coming meeting the Committee will select a new Vice Chair and receive an update on current construction projects in both Potomac Yard and North Potomac Yard.

