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Hi Mark!

As I have shared with you previously, I don't believe the streetscape design concepts we received so far are sufficient. That, however, is not to say that the Winston Group did not provide some very good ideas. It just needs to be more.

Please feel free to share this with our architects and the rest of the Board.

As you can see, most of the suggested changes are on the North side of the street. Starting from Washington, I am suggesting that we lose all of the parking places in the first block, with the exception of the handicapped slot near the corner of Washington.

For the WF Transfer block, I am suggesting that we simply replace the sidewalk on the easterly portion with brick, although there is the possibility of making it a little wider with the reduction in the width of the traffic lanes. Once we get next to the building, however, I am suggesting we lose the parking places and widen the sidewalk.

I am also suggesting that there be enhanced crosswalks at 13<sup>th</sup> and Washington, 13<sup>th</sup> and Jackson (2 additional), and 13<sup>th</sup> and Ford. I also believe there should be "neck downs" added at 13<sup>th</sup> and Jackson and 13<sup>th</sup> and Ford.

The only substantive change I am suggesting for the South side of the street is to remove one more parking place from the West portion of the block, leaving only the handicapped parking space.

There are also some amenities which I believe should be added to the design. We need to have some benches. As an alternative, we could have planters with a narrow footprint. We also need some trash and recycling bins. The planters can be co-located with the trash and recycling.

I realize that these proposals will lift the costs significantly and will probably demand some sort of prioritized staging. Even though no formal action was taken Monday, I have little doubt that the idea of an entrance arch will be high on everyone's list.

I believe that the first stage should be doing both sides of 13<sup>th</sup> from Ford to Jackson. If we are going to be putting in the arch, I believe it is critical that we get the whole package of the visual invitation fully in place ASAP. It will also allow for having all the arch infrastructure established and integrated in one shot.

Second, I would do the South side of 13<sup>th</sup> between Washington and Jackson. Finally, I would close it out with the North side of that block.

KS Paul ;)>

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