



3. **Case V-20-02: ALKMY, 17 Dexter Avenue**

**EXHIBIT 1**

Lydia Pursell presented the monument sign application. Presented are amendments to the original sign approval in April 2019 (Case V-19-08) as follows:

- The new sign will be constructed of metal instead of wood.
- The background color will change from blue to white.
- A new custom font will be used.
- The letters will be brass-finished aluminum.
- The words “INTERIORS, GIFTS, ANTIQUES” and the address “17 DEXTER AVENUE” will be added in vinyl brass-tone lettering.
- A hanging shingle will be added at the bottom to indicate “OPEN” or “CLOSED”.

Ms. Pursell asked the committee’s thoughts on changing the existing black sign posts to a white color. The committee recommended keeping the color black to minimize the appearance of dirt and deterioration.

Mrs. Ritchie called for a motion.

Motion: Mr. Barrett, motion to approve the sign revisions as submitted.

Second: Mrs. Elsas

Vote: Aye: Barrett, Elsas, Everette, Israel, Ritchie, and Wohlwend

Nay: None

4. **Case V-20-01: Lane Parke Apartments, 1000 Parke Court**

**EXHIBIT 2**

Sean Hufnagel and James Hugh, HNP Landscape Architecture, 1914 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Birmingham, presented the application for the applicant, LIPT Lane Parke, LLC. The request involves a section of the Woodland Park within the Lane Parke PUD; this is an existing amenity space at the Lane Parke Apartments bordering Watkins Brook. Project overview:

- Renovate the amenity space to create a patio space, add new planting areas and implement stormwater improvements to better convey and manage site runoff.
- A rain garden is proposed and located at the southern border of the project site to capture and infiltrate stormwater runoff.
- A proposed patio space and main planting area is located in the northwestern quarter of the site outside the floodway. The patio improvements will include the addition of hardscape, a dry creek stormwater conveyance feature and a large planting area. The wood burning fireplace will be made of stone/river rock in keeping with the ‘woodland’ theme.
- Park accessibility will be improved.
- There is an existing dog-relief area.
- Schoel Engineering submitted a letter that indicates approval of the proposed stormwater improvements.
- Brick and rock debris in the soil will be removed and top soil added; sod is proposed in some areas for ground stability; however, sod is not on the approved plant list. Trees will be planted, and as they grow, the grass will likely die out and the space will become more of a woodland type terrain. Temporary watering could be used to establish the grass initially.

- Benches will be added.
- The majority of the walking path is comprised of crushed stone. The path could connect to the north and/or south in the future.
- This space is open to the public; not exclusive to apartment residents.
- The only signage planned will be in regard to dog waste disposal; waste receptacles will be provided.
- No lighting is proposed.
- Lane Parke Apartments is maintaining the park now and it is believed that will continue.

Following a thorough discussion, the committee expressed that they are amenable to the overall concept and layout of the initial park design with the following findings and suggestions:

- While a formal lawn is not intended by the PUD for Woodland Park, it is understood that some type of plant material is needed to stabilize the area; and that Schoel Engineering has indicated that shrub material (in lieu of grass) may impede the absorption of runoff and may be detrimental to the stormwater goals of the PUD for Woodland Park.
- Allowing sod as an initial stabilizer may be tolerable, with the understanding that the intent of the PUD for this park is that it transform into a more natural, wooded area over time; the goal may be to allow the grass to initially stabilize and then recede over time, as trees canopies mature.
- No irrigation is to be used to maintain the sod (as outlined in the PUD).
- No chemicals are to be allowed to treat and maintain the sod after initial installation.
- Consideration should be given to a plan for minimal low intensity lighting in the park for path illumination and as a safety feature near the creek.
- Consideration should be given to all of Woodland Park (north and south of the subject area) as an integrated master landscape plan, rather than a piece-meal approach. The dog-relief area to the north has not been granted formal approval and is not anticipated by the PUD to be a fenced, private area for dogs. The area to the south should also be included in a master landscape plan, continuing the trail and informal seating.
- Connectivity of the entire Woodland Park property to the village is required by the PUD; walking paths are to be installed from the north end of the park, meandering south over and across the detention pond area, along the grocery store front sidewalk and Jemison Lane, and out to Montevallo Road (where connection to the existing public trail system would be made). Understanding that the apartment property and the grocery/detention pond property have different owners, further coordination is needed for the extension of the trail system throughout the Lane Parke project.
- Consideration should be given to way finding signs that connect the public trail users from Jemison Trail, north through the village, and to the north terminus of Woodland Park. Suggested sign types could be embedded arrows in walkways, or small posts with arrows to indicate direction changes. (This finding does not relate only to the subject Woodland Park; it is understood that it is not the burden of the owner of the apartment complex to coordinate an entire way-finding system, but only to coordinate with future efforts to integrate the Woodland Park with the city's trail system).

Mrs. Ritchie called for a motion.

Motion: Mr. Barrett, motion to forward the aforementioned findings and suggestions to the Board of Landscape Design.

Second: Mr. Israel

Vote: Aye: Barrett, Elsas, Everette, Israel, Ritchie, and Wohlwend  
Nay: None

5. **Adjournment:** The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2020. There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting stood adjourned at approximately 8:42 a.m.



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Tammy Reid, Administrative Analyst