



CITY OF BEXLEY TREE & PUBLIC GARDENS COMMISSION APPLICATION STAFF REVIEW

Project Name: TPGR-23-9 Right of Way and Fence Plantings
 Project Address: 2524 Bexley Park
 Reviewed by: Elena Andrews
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 Date: 10-16-2023

	Project Description	Completed	Incomplete	Missing	N/A
1a	Application	X			
1b	Project Description	X			
	Research				
2a	Significant examples				X
	Design Documentation Drawings				
3a	Existing conditions photographs		X		
3b	Site plan or location plan	X			
3c	Schematic plan with north arrow and bar scale		X		
3d	Elevations, perspectives, isometrics, axonometrics or detailed model		X		
3e	Existing City trees indicated on plan	X			
3f	Proposed vegetation		X		
	Recommended information				
4a	Irrigation and maintenance plans				X
4b	Hardscape layout and materials				X
4c	Lighting locations and specifications				X
4d	Fixtures, furniture and equipment				X
4e	Accessories				X
4f	Buildings				X
4g	Other				X

Comments <i>(Italicized comments are from previous review)</i>	
3a	Please provide current photos of the installed fence.
3c	Please provide a bar scale on the drawing in addition to the note that the plan is 1/8 inch = 1 Ft (when printed on 11x17 inch paper)
3d	<p>A cross section of proposed installation was provided that illustrates the 1' lawn strip adjacent to the sidewalk.</p> <p>Please provide an elevation of the fence facing Cassingham Rd that shows the placement of the Climbing Hydrangea and the Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire.</p>
3f	<p>Please provide the botanical and common names of all of the proposed plants as well as the installation sizes.</p> <p>Please include all the plants that will be installed in front of the fence – facing Bexley Park, Cassingham Rd, and the triangular area by the driveway.</p>
4g	<p>This project was review by BZAP on September 28, 2023, Application No: BZAP-23-18 for a variance and special permit to allow a front yard fence to be approved with the following conditions: 1) the fence is to be set at a 45 degree angle where the driveway meets the sidewalk; 2) a landscape plan should be reviewed by the Bexley Tree & Public Garden Commission subject to their approval.</p> <p>Additionally, the Right of Way along Cassingham Rd is 3' behind the sidewalk so the plantings to screen the fence are also subject to the review of the TPGC.</p> <p>The plan provides a 1' deep lawn strip adjacent to the sidewalk to help prevent mulch and plant material from growing into the sidewalk. This allows for a 2' deep bed for the proposed plant material. Given that most of the bed is facing east and will be shaded by two large City trees, the selected plant material of Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire and Climbing Hydrangea are appropriate for both the size of the bed and the light requirements. Along Cassingham Rd, there are other fences that have been effectively screened with Climbing Hydrangea and breaking up the rhythm of the hydrangea with the Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire will be effective.</p> <p>The Climbing Hydrangea are shown as spaced approximately 9' on center. I recommend that there be (3) Little Henry Virginia Sweetspire between each hydrangea and not just (2).</p> <p>A full landscape plan was created for the site and the plant material that was selected to screen the fence facing Bexley Park and the diagonal area adjacent to the driveway needs to be included and shown as part of this review. In the triangular area, the evergreen plant Everlow Yew was proposed which will help with winter interest but the final plant selection still needs to be submitted for review.</p> <p>I have spoken to Pat Ryan with Ryan Brother's Landscape and he will be providing the requested information to us before the 10/18/23 TPGC Meeting.</p> <p>If the above recommendations are incorporated and the plant material to screen the other areas of the fence provide variety, interest, and screening, it is my recommendation to approve the plan.</p>