



## CITY OF BEXLEY TREE & PUBLIC GARDENS COMMISSION APPLICATION STAFF REVIEW

Project Name: TPGR-24-2 ROW Plantings  
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	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Incomplete</b>	<b>Missing</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>1a</b>	Application	X			
<b>1b</b>	Project Description	X			
	<b>Research</b>				
<b>2a</b>	Significant examples				X
	<b>Design Documentation Drawings</b>				
<b>3a</b>	Existing conditions photographs	X			
<b>3b</b>	Site plan or location plan	X			
<b>3c</b>	Schematic plan with north arrow and bar scale	X			
<b>3d</b>	Elevations, perspectives, isometrics, axonometrics or detailed model	X			
<b>3e</b>	Existing City trees indicated on plan	X			
<b>3f</b>	Proposed vegetation	X			
	<b>Recommended information</b>				
<b>4a</b>	Irrigation and maintenance plans				X
<b>4b</b>	Hardscape layout and materials				X
<b>4c</b>	Lighting locations and specifications				X
<b>4d</b>	Fixtures, furniture and equipment				X
<b>4e</b>	Accessories				X
<b>4f</b>	Buildings				X
<b>4g</b>	Other				X

**Comments**

**4g** Per the Decision and Record of Action of BZAP-23-37 on 1/25/24, two stone columns were approved to be placed 12” behind the sidewalk in the City Right-of-Way. BZAP referred the landscape plan to the TPGC for review and approval. The Hold Harmless agreement requested by BZAP has been prepared by Kathy Rose and is awaiting signatures.

Two quarter round beds are proposed around the columns that flank the inside edges of a circular driveway. The beds are approxiamtely 7’ deep. A row of Green Velvet Boxwoods (Buxus) at the outside curves of each bed. While the plan indicates, Purple Palace Coral Bells (Heuchera), the owner would instead like to have four seasons of annual plants installed.

While four seasons of annual color would be beautiful, I have concerns about what would actually be proposed, the time frame, and expected length of plant life for each season. Additionally, if the homeowner decides to no longer install four seasons of color or they move, a large portion of the bed will remain empty.

If the Tree Commission sees fit to allow four seasons of color to be installed, it is the City Staff’s recommendation to have the owner provide additional information on the seasonal annuals including: proposed plant material, anticipated lifespan of plant material, and installation schedule. There should also be a condition that if four seasons are no longer installed, a new landscape plan needs to be submitted for staff approval.

If the Tree Commission prefers perennials, the Purple Palace Coral Bells are appropriate to the site. I would however recommend a smaller perennial in the 12” space between the column and the sidewalk and driveway, such as a Liriope or Dianthus, to soften that edge that can be proposed by the designed and submitted for staff approval.