



CITY OF BEXLEY TREE & PUBLIC GARDENS COMMISSION APPLICATION STAFF REVIEW

Project Name: TPGC-23-4 COhatch
 Project Address: 2691 E Main St
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 Date: 6-18-24

	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 (*Italicized comments are from previous review*)

4g This existing mid-century split level office building is having an addition added to the north elevation along Main Street and will house the company COhatch. The project was approved by BZAP under application number BZAP-23-8 on 4-27-23 with the condition that the “landscape plan is subject to further review and approval by the Tree & Public Garden Commission”. The project was given a Certificate of Appropriateness by ARB on 6-8-23.

Due to the site constraints and the parking lot, the opportunity for landscape exists only at the foundation of the building on the east, west and south elevations. A larger bed is provided by the main entry at the north end of the west elevation that contains a Frans Fontaine Hornbeam, a flowering Hydrangea and evergreen juniper ground cover.

The east and west elevations have a simple rhythm of evergreen holly broken up by perennials in front of the windows.

The south elevation has a larger bed for the rear entrance where two more Frans Fontaine Hornbeams are symmetrically placed by the rear elevation and two rows of Lilacs and Catmint will give seasonal interest.

I suggested the last four holly south of the gutters of the east and west elevations be replaced with upright evergreens, such as a Blue Arrow Juniper. There are no windows in these areas and the additional height would add visual and species variety. However, this is purely a design suggestion and not a requirement for approval.

Overall, the plant selection is appropriate to the site and will provide seasonal interest.

The contractor building the project notified the City Arborist that the City Trees were in the way of construction. They were told that they needed to hire a professional arborist to trim the trees if the City could not get there in a timely fashion. The contractor hacked off limbs improperly and applicant was notified that they needed to properly prune the trees, or it would be the City Arborist’s recommendation for the Tree Commission not to approve the plan until it was completed. At the time of this report, Axe Tree Service (ISA OH-6295A) was hired to come out the week of 6-10-24 to properly trim the trees. As of 6/18/24, the City of Bexley trimmed the trees per their standards.

It is the staff recommendation to approve the plan as presented.