

Proposal:

First Christian Church requests a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 430 South 16th Street in the Capitol Environs District.

Discussion:

First Christian Church is a handsome, red-brick, Gothic Revival complex at the northeast corner of 16th & K Streets, diagonally across that intersection from the Capitol grounds.

The congregation proposes to enhance the landscape on the south side of the building, adjacent K Street, where there is currently a well-maintained area of turf with a few shrubs.

The proposal maintains turf along the sidewalk for most of the length of the building, while introducing a mix of shrubs, grasses, and a few accent trees behind the corner sign and along the building wall. At the south entrance, which is connected by a walkway to the east-west public sidewalk, the planting curves out to the public walk. East of the side entrance, a small area of decorative pavement would be introduced, with benches for seating, surrounded by a decorative metal fence.

The proximity of First Christian Church to the Capitol makes Design Standard 2 particularly relevant:

Design Standard 2: Proximity

The nearer a property is to the Capitol, the greater responsibility it bears in the District. Buildings and other improvements facing Capitol Square should meet very high standards for design, construction, and maintenance. Improvements facing the Capitol Malls (Centennial/north, Lincoln/west, south, and east) should also meet high standards. Other improvements within the District but not facing the Square or the Malls should not intrude upon the Capitol's setting and should contribute to the overall quality of the District.

First Christian is a handsome building on a well-maintained site. This proposal appears to further contribute to the enhancement of the Environs District.

Recommended finding:

The proposed improvements to the landscape of First Christian Church enhances the Capitol Environs District.

Recommended action:

Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness .

PERENNIAL PLANT LIST

- A - ZACHER'S COREOPSIS (2)
- B - LITTLE TITMOUTH CATCHWIND (4)
- C - REDDISH-NECK GERANIUM (5)
- D - LIME-ZINNIA SEDUM (2)
- E - LAMB'S EAR (5)
- J - ZITFUL ADONIS (5)

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N 1" = 10'

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PERENNIAL PLANT LIST

- E - LAMB'S EAR (5)
- F - REDWOODS GOLDENROD (5)
- G - CACODONIA SALSA (2)
- H - CORALBELL (4)
- I - PLUMBAGO (2)

