

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 28, 2017
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
LHD-2017-0023
Shipe Park Pool – 4400 Avenue G
Hyde Park Historic District

PROPOSAL

Redevelopment of the Shipe Park pool.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the redevelopment of the Shipe Park pool site in the Hyde Park Historic District. The proposal is the City's project to improve facilities at the park.

The existing pool will be removed for the installation of a new lap pool and an activity pool. New restrooms, including gender-specific bathrooms, a life guard/first aid station, and two family changing areas will be added to the east side of the pools, at the Avenue G side. A new pool equipment building will be added to the north side of the pool area, and a shower area will be added to the northwest corner of the pool site.

The restroom facilities on the east side of the park will be constructed of limestone blocks with a steel roof; the spaces between the various uses proposed for the set of structures will have perforated metal panels set into a steel frame. The showers at the northwest corner of the pool will have structural glazed tile as the primary wall cladding material, a low-slope roof with steel fascia, and perforated corrugated metal panels on a steel frame.

New 15-foot sidewalks will be installed along 44th Street on the south side of the park, and a new sidewalk will lead from 44th Street to the reconstruction of the dogtrot house at the center of the park. There will also be a new 15-foot sidewalk installed on the east side of the park, along Avenue G, connecting with the existing sidewalk along 45th Street. The plan also calls for the construction of two shade structures – one between the lap pool and the activity pool, and the other on the east side of the lap pool. The structures will have tapered concrete columns and a perforated corrugated metal roof.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Recognize all buildings, structures, and sites as products of their own time. Do not construct alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.

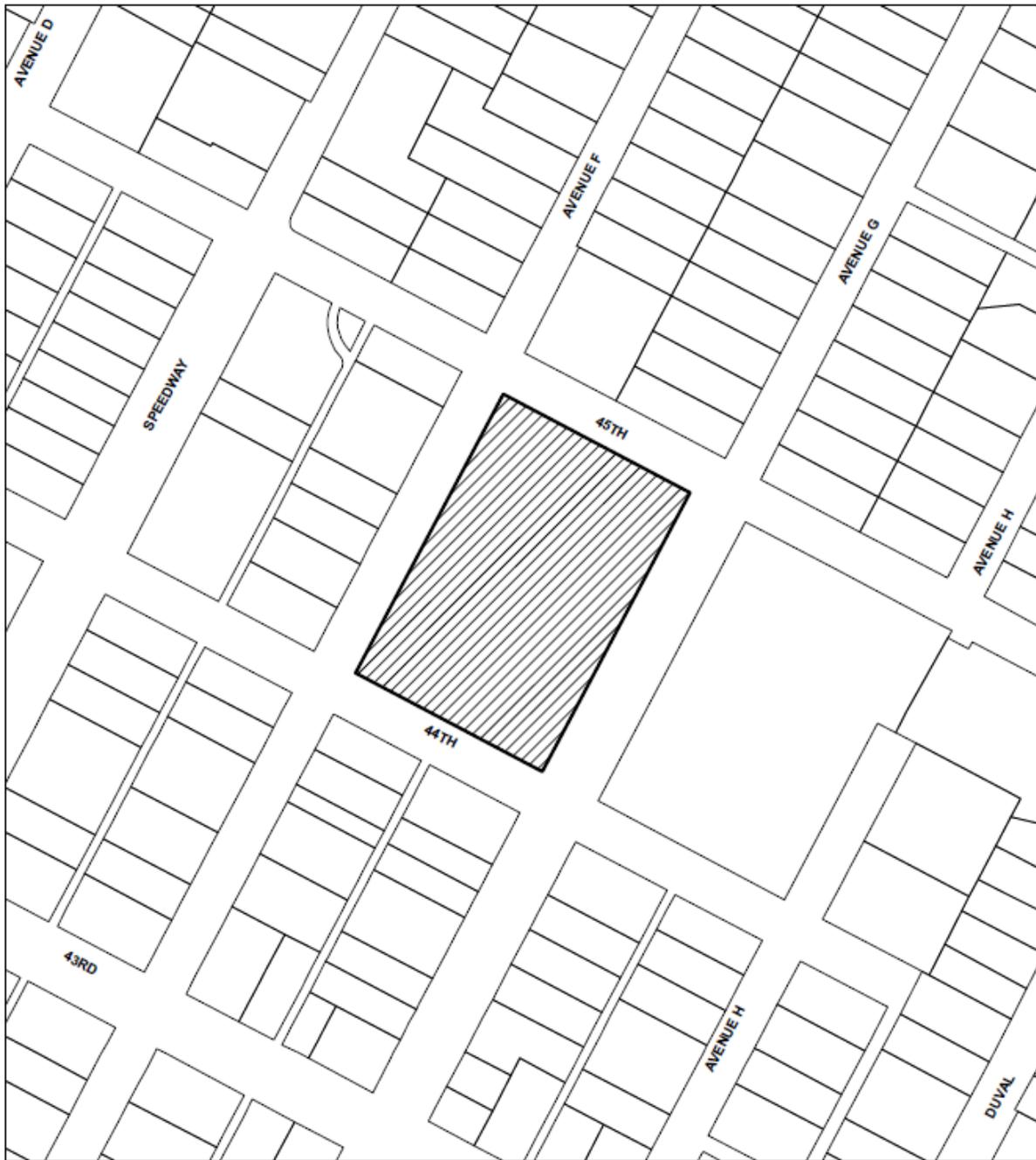
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee reviewed this application regarding the location of new buildings and structures on the site, and the new sidewalks, but did not review the building plans for the

restrooms and shower buildings. The applicants assured the Committee members that the new buildings would have as minimal a presence on the site as possible. The Committee members remarked that the modern design of the shade structures was not compatible with the historic character of the park, and recommended reducing the amount of new paving in the park in favor of grass or another pervious cover.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve as proposed. The design of the buildings is as the applicant assured – they have a minimal presence on the site and do not compete with the historic character of the park. Staff has less of a concern over the existence of the shade structures than the Committee did, as they are between the pools and do not affect the historic context or character of the site. In deference to the Committee's recommendation, staff will also recommend consideration of a re-design of the structures to perhaps better address compatibility with the historic character of the park. Staff also concurs with the Committee's recommendations to favor grass or other pervious cover over paving.



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: LHD-2017-0023
LOCATION: 4400 Avenue G



1" = 161'

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