




DATE: January 13, 2023

TO: Bethesda Downton Plan Design Advisory Panel (DAP)

FROM: Grace Bogdan, Planner III, DownCounty Planning 
Stephanie Dickel, Regulatory Supervisor, DownCounty Planning

RE: Staff comments for the January 25, 2023 DAP Meeting

This will be a hybrid meeting, attendees can participate in person or virtually.

Item #1

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- 2nd Site Plan presentation, first presentation was in October of 2022, and the DAP requested the Applicant team return with a 3d presentation and design that has refined the materiality and created a more cohesive language on all four sides based on the comments received.
- The Applicant has made several revisions to the design in response to the DAP's comments including overall simplification of materials and details on all four frontages to unify the language of the building. Window sizing, vertical pillars, and horizontal band proportions have been standardized to create a simplified and symmetrical design. More specific details on the revisions have been provided by the Applicant in their updated submission.
- The Applicant is requesting 25 points for exceptional design.
 - *10 Points: Generally consistent with the Design Guidelines and meets four of the CR Guideline Criteria*
 - *20 Points: Superlative design that in a uniquely compelling way meets the Design Guidelines or overcomes a significant site or similar constraint; a top example of design within Montgomery County*
 - *30 Points: Singular design that exemplifies the highest intent of the Design Guidelines and may be considered a top example of design within the Mid-Atlantic region*
- [October 2022 DAP minutes hyperlink](#)
- [September 2020 \(Sketch Plan presentation\) DAP minutes hyperlink](#)