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Hannah Aulick
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Re: [Review - PR-2024-009956 Taco Bell](#)
[Comment Responses to Parks & Rec Development Review](#)

Dear Hannah:

Wallace Design Collective has reviewed the comments provided on 10/23/24. Our comment responses to the memorandum comments are as follows. For additional comment responses, please reference the associated greenline pdf files.

Parks & Rec Comments from 10/23/2024:

1. Landscape plan must be signed and sealed by a professional licensed in the State of New Mexico and must comply with relevant requirements of IDO 5-6 - Landscaping Buffering and Screening.
 - **Response: Plans signed by professional licensed in the State of New Mexico. Plans have been updated to comply with relevant requirements.**
2. Please coordinate with City Forestry regarding the selected tree species.
 - **Response: Tree species selection has been updated according to the "Suggested Climate-Ready Tree Species List for Planting in Albuquerque" from cabq.gov website.**
3. Please note the item below per City Forestry:
 - a. Per street tree policy 6-6-2-5:
 - i. Plantings of ten or fewer trees may all be the same genus;
 - ii. Plantings of more than ten trees must use at least two different genera, with roughly equal numbers of each.
 - **Response: Variety provided for tree plantings**
4. Per 5-6(C)(10)(f), trees shall not be planted near existing or proposed street light poles. confirm compliance with this code.
 - **Response: Trees are planted minimum of 12 feet clear of existing or proposed street light poles.**
5. Per City Forestry, where overhead distribution lines exist, smaller trees such as Goldenrain tree, Pink Pompoms Redbud and Russian Hawthorn must be used. Please check this item along Snow Vista Blvd.
 - **Response: Small trees, and suggested species are used under overhead distribution lines.**
6. Street Trees: Trees are generally required along street frontages every 25 feet on center unless specified otherwise in Part 6-6-2 of ROA 1994 (Street Trees). Along street frontages where street trees are required, trees that are planted within 20 feet of the back of curb of the abutting street may fulfill this requirement. Compliant. Consider alternating the street trees to avoid any future spread of disease among same species. Please note the previous comment on this page.
 - **Response: Trees species are alternating to avoid spread of disease.**
7. Per 5-6(C)(5)(e) Organic mulch is required as ground cover under trees within a 5-foot radius around the tree trunk, but not directly against the trunk. In these areas, weed barrier fabric is prohibited. The 5' radius organic mulch must be shown and called out on all tree planting details. Please see the figure below from the IDO 5-6(C)(5)(e) for more clarification.
 - **Response: A 5-foot radius organic mulch ring has been labeled and dimensioned on tree**


planting details.

8. Per 5-6(C)(7)(a) Vegetation required by this Section 14-16-5-6 shall be located the following distances in any direction from any fire hydrants, valve vaults, hose bibs, manholes, hydrants, and fire department connections:
 - a. Shrubs: 3 feet
 - b. Trees: 15 feetConfirm compliance with this requirement.
 - **Response: Plants are planted per clearance requirements of utilities listed above.**
9. Ponding areas must meet the requirements of Section 1013: Slope Stabilization, or better.
 - **Response: Ponding areas meet requirements of Section 1013. Seed mix for sloping and ponding areas, per Section 1013 suggested species and application rates.**
10. Consider adding some native xeric evergreen shrubs, and native xeric trees along the western edge of the project to provide some buffer for the paved multi used trail adjacent to the site. Such as Chamisa, Apache plume, Rosemary etc. for shrubs and Desert willow, Vitex, and New Mexico Olive etc. for trees. Please see the marked-up image below for your reference.
 - **Response: Xeric planting provided in areas not restricted by easements delineated on plan.**

This concludes our written responses. If there are any questions, please reach out to the design team.

Sincerely,

Wallace Design Collective
Civil Engineering Services



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