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**Subject:** Re: DSRFY2023-0011 5260 Sawyer Street  
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My thoughts are as follows:

1. I interpret the utilization of a plaza to address street frontage connection as requiring the plaza to bridge that gap between the street frontage and the building. In this case the proposed plaza is also set back further than the 15' maximum. That said, due to the existence of the easement between the building and the street, I believe this site specific case justifies the location of the plaza set back from the street (outside the easement).

2. The addition of the landscape strip along the walkway helps provide a human scale element, but falls short of addressing the first floor facade articulation when visible from the public way per 8-4C-A3-4. I suggest extending the art installation down onto the first floor facade. I think this can be interpreted similarly to a "display" which provides additional articulation and interest at the street level.

I also suggest adding wheel stops to prevent the 3' wide walkway from being unusable due to parking overhang.

Thanks.  
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On Thu, Jan 2, 2025 at 3:54 PM Maria Antonova <[mantonova@gardencityidaho.org](mailto:mantonova@gardencityidaho.org)> wrote:

Good afternoon, colleagues,

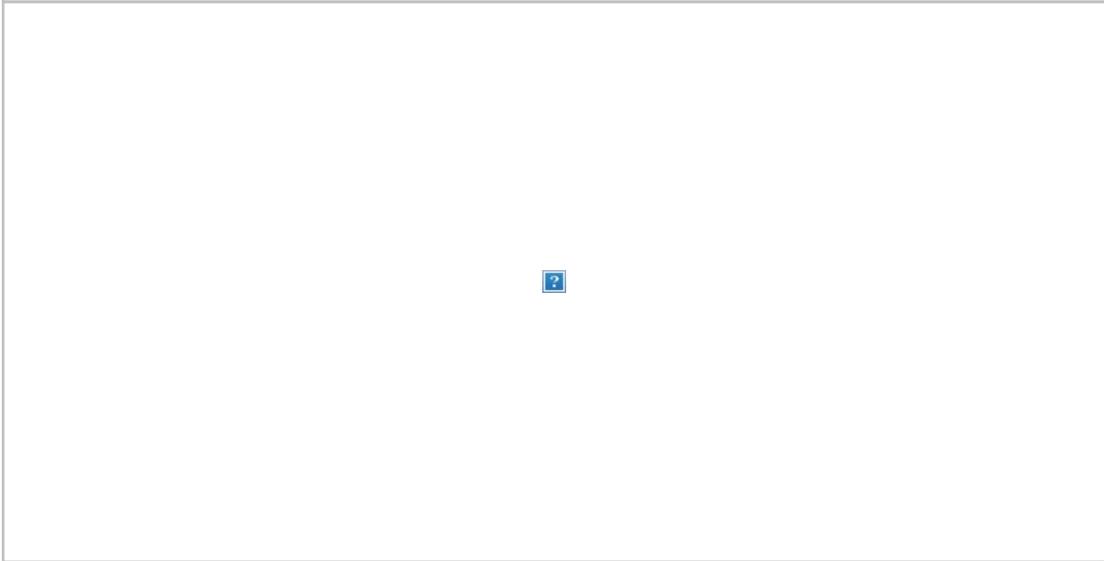
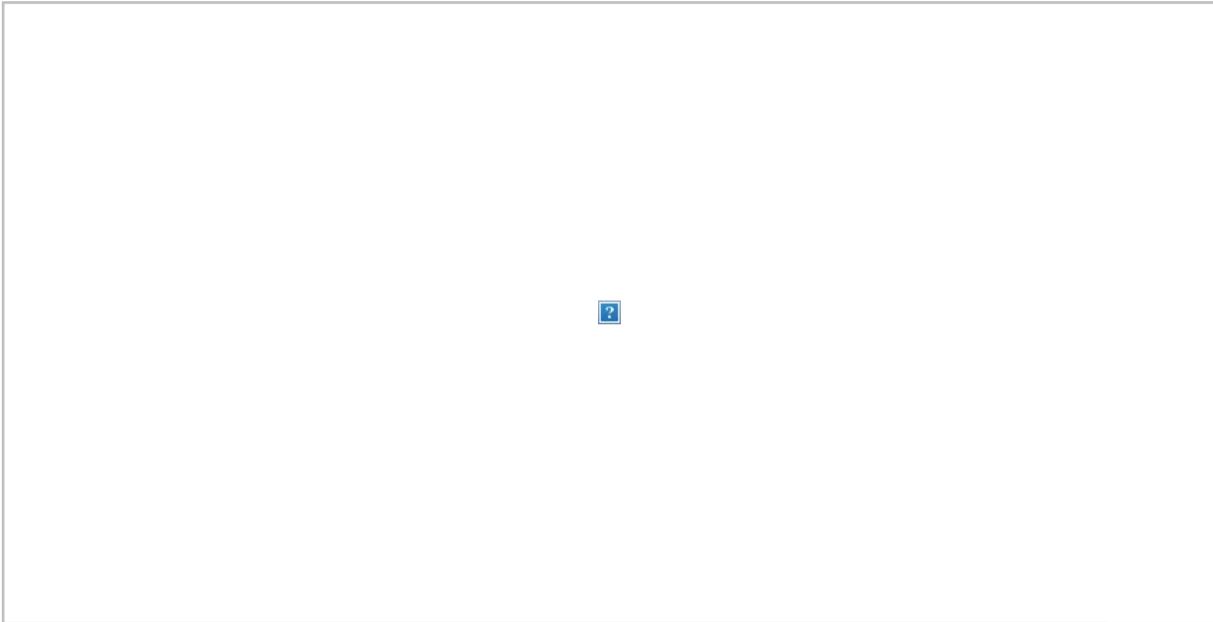
Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday.

The applicant has provided new plans which can be found at the [link](#).

At the last meeting, we discussed adding a plaza and addressing blank walls on the west side of the building to enhance the pedestrian scale. The applicant has incorporated landscaping along the west wall and added benches and a small plaza-like space (circled in blue).

However, I remain concerned about the perimeter landscaping on the western boundary of the site. I have already addressed this with the applicant and the landscape designer.

Let me know if you have any comments on the new plans.



Thank you!



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