Descriptions for Urban Spaces

Two urban spaces will be provided on the property, a park at the south of the property (the "Union Market Park" or "Park") and plaza in the center of the property (the "Union Market Plaza" or "Plaza"). While different in scale from each other, the Park and Plaza will both function similarly to classic urban spaces with movable furniture such as Bryant Park and Paley Park in New York City. Both spaces will be open for public use with occasional modified or controlled access during specific events where required for security and/or safety concerns as well as occasional ticketed or invitational events. The Park and Plaza will both be a combination of hardscape and green space as further detailed below. They will both include limited vehicular access for service, special loading, special events, and emergency access to the space. The Park will be designed and built to work independently with the ability to connect to the adjacent site to the south as a single continuous park—subject to a mutual design and management agreement to be entered into with the adjacent property owner and DC Office of Planning. Both spaces and improvements will be owned, programmed, and maintained by the Applicant, as described below:

Union Market Park

The Union Market Park will extend south approximately 25 feet from the face of the existing Union Market Building to the property line, and run the full approximately 280 feet of the property between 5th and 6th Streets. The park will be comprised of approximately 7,000 square feet. Union Market Park will include attractive green space lined with pedestrian sidewalks and pathways. The Park will function as a community-gathering place with outdoor seating and lawn areas. The Park will be designed so that the adjacent property owner can combine a portion of their land with the Park to create a unified, large, active, and open green space, as indicated in the Florida Avenue Small Area Plan. The primary goal of the Park is to allow for pedestrian access and recreation. As a result, the Park will be open to the public at all times when not in use as described below.

Occasionally, the Park will be programmed with community-oriented activities such as concerts, exhibits, seasonal festivals and other cultural events as programmed by Applicant. In instances where the events will be ticketed (with tickets typically available to the public) or invitational, the Park may have modified access during specific times for special events, due to security and/or safety concerns. These types of events will occur on a limited basis. The retail space of The Market will be able to be accessed by the public during all relevant business hours.

Vehicles will typically not access the Park, unless such access is necessary for emergency, maintenance, or repair reasons.

Union Market Plaza

The Union Market Plaza will be located between the Union Market Building and the North Building. The Plaza will consist of approximately 12,500 square feet of lot area and will connect 5th and 6th streets through the Applicant's property. Similar to the Park, the Plaza will function as a community-serving urban plaza planned for family, neighborhood, and district-wide gatherings and will include seating areas, event space, and outdoor retail. The primary goal of the Plaza is to allow for pedestrian access and recreation. As a result, the Plaza will be open to the public at all times when not in use as described above.

The Plaza will be programmed with community oriented activities such as concerts, exhibits, seasonal festivals and other cultural events as programmed by Applicant. In instances where the events will be ticketed or invitational, the park access may be modified to control access during specific times for special events, security and/or safety concerns. These types of events will occur on a limited basis. The retail space surrounding the Plaza will be able to be accessed by the public during all relevant business hours.

Vehicles will typically not access the Park, unless such access is necessary for emergency, maintenance, repair or loading reasons. Loading will occur as described in the Loading Management Plan attached as Exhibit D to the submission and the dock manager will work to ensure the protection of pedestrians in the plaza.