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# DRAFT OUTLINE OF TESTIMONY TRINI M. RODRIGUEZ, PARKER RODRIGUEZ, INC.

I. Overview of Landscape Plan and Landscape Design

### TRINI M. RODRIGUEZ

### PRINCIPAL

#### **EDUCATION**

Master of Regional Planning, 1985, University of Pennsylvania Master of Appropriate Technology for Development, 1985, University of Pennsylvania Certificate of Urban Design, 1984, University of Pennsylvania Master of Landscape Architecture, 1983, University of Pennsylvania Bachelors of Architecture, 1980, Universidad Central de Venezuela



Prior to establishing FRI in 1996, Trini Rodriguez was principal of the nationally recognized planning and landscape architectural firm of HOH Associates, Inc. Ms. Rodriguez is a LEED certified, Virginia registered landscape architect, certified planner and architect with a variety of experience ranging from building design to small- and large scale urban design, landscape architecture and master planning. She has managed and designed master plans for projects throughout the United States and abroad. She has interdisciplinary expertise that has served a broad spectrum of public agencies, institutions, private developers and corporations. She is fluent in Spanish, French and English. Ms. Rodriguez has worked as an architect in Venezuela, as a designer with EDAW and has taught in the Landscape Design Program at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

#### Silver Spring Library. Silver Spring, Maryland

The Silver Spring Library & Art Center located in downtown Silver Spring features a 63,000 SF Library, a 20,000 SF Arts Center to be operated by a private nonprofit art education organization, and 30,000 SF of County office space. A future Purple Line Light Rail Station will be integrated at the ground floor level of the building. The streetscape and public spaces are greatly influenced by the final Purple Line Light Rail design as it runs diagonally through the library site. A public plaza defined by Fenton Street and the Purple Line embraces the iconic architecture of the library. This complex project will serve as a cultural landmark and become a significant anchor within downtown Silver Spring. This project is committed to achieve a LEED Silver rating.

#### Constitution Square. Washington, DC

Located adjacent to the new ATF
Headquarters building and the New York
Avenue Metro Station in the heart of
the new NOMA district of Washington,
DC, Constitution Square was one of the
first major projects developed within the
NOMA district and serves as a catalyst
for future development. The complex
master plan features three office towers
and three residential towers, all over a
parking structure that covers an entire city
block. A supermarket and a hotel are

also included in the project program. A series of roof terraces and gardens on multiple levels create a green network and oasis between the office and residential towers. Streetscape design is a major component of the project. PRI has developed a dynamic streetscape design conforming to the newly established NOMA district guidelines. Lush plantings of trees are planted in expanded soil volumes using leading edge soil cell technologies. Low impact development basins are included to filter pollutants and sediment from storm water and to reduce water volumes during peak rain events through the use of check dams and plant materials.

#### Tysons West Metrorail Demanstration TOD Project. Tysons Corner, Virginia

ParkerRodriguez was selected to provide parks, open space, streetscape and urban design services to The Georgelas Group and WDG Architects. PRI planners and designers created evocative, vibrant and compelling concepts and guidelines for the envisioned Arts and Entertainment District at Tysons West. One of the PRI innovations was to develop and win approval of a system of public skyparks and green roofs throughout Tysons in partial fulfillment of the park requirements. PRI studied elevated parks in New York, San Francisco, Europe and Japan to help build public acceptance and concerns

about public access and awareness of these parks.

#### Seagull Square, Salisbury University. Salisbury, Maryland

In 2009, Rodriguez was responsible for landscape architecture and assisted in the site design of this 605 bed student housing project, LEED Certified, mixed use building with student apartments over retail shops and restaurants. This beautiful development is located at a gateway to the campus and features a retail public plaza and a residential garden terrace. Again the University requested Rodriguez address pre existing problems with surrounding uses and design a new campus quad adjacent to the project.

#### George Mason University inn and Conference Center. Fairfax, Virginia

Site planning and landscape architectural design for this new major facility for the main campus of George Mason University. This 16 acre focal point of the campus includes arrival plaza and amenity features.

#### Prince Frederick Hall Student Housing, University of Maryland. College Park, Maryland

Site planning and landscape architectural design for a 709 bed student dormitory. This project capitalizes on its adjacency to



the South Gateway open space, extending green space with a larger quad in front of Prince Frederick Hall. A plaza at the building's main entrance overlooks the large new quad with a seating terrace stepping down at its edge. The project seeks to achieve LEED Gold certification.

#### Oyster School and Henry Adams. Cleveland Park, DC.

Landscape design and site planning for this unique model of public-private partnership. This very urban site presented great challenges to accommodate both uses in a small site. The residential development paid in full for the construction of a new Oyster School in this very prominent Washington neighborhood.

#### Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Center (THE ARC), SE, Washington, D.C.

PRI worked closely with the client and architect to design the landscape for this multi-use facility that was developed in partnership with the community in a neighborhood of Southeast Washington DC.

#### Manhatian College, The Bronx, New York, New York.

Ms Rodriguez assisted by Jay. Parker provided master planning and urban

design for this urban campus culminating in the 2002 Campus Master Plan. The campus plan solved issues of grossly inadequate parking while also adding over buildings for over 1,000 new dormitory beds and most importantly provided a compelling new vision for the campus, including landscape treatments, the addition of several major new buildings, a new student union and field house an academic promenade and two major new plazas including one honoring alumni, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

#### Washington Adventist Hospital. Silver Spring, Maryland

The hospital campus being developed by Washington Adventist Hospital is a state-of-the-art health care facility that emphasizes the idea of well-being and gracious harmony in its relationship with the surrounding natural environment, unlike most major medical facilities that seem to grow "like topsy", devoid of any relationship to the site or natural setting. Visitors, patients and staff entering the Campus will experience a rich environment that adopts a landscape vocabulary tied to the site's natural beauty and character. The campus-like setting includes a complex of buildings which are carefully situated on the site to create identifiable and distinct neighborhoods

or districts. The buildings are situated to take advantage of views of the lake, and the architecture of the buildings takes cues from the structure of the forest and riparian vegetation and landforms. The landscape is expressed as a progression of distinct spaces or "districts", each with its own character and ambience, seamlessly knit together by their connection to the lake.

#### **AWARDS**

Tree Conservation Award for Outstanding Commitment to Tree Planting at The Falls at Flint Hill, Fairfax County, Virginia, 2012 Puerto Rico NAHB Award for Planning, Parque Escorial, San Juan, 2001 Virginia NAHB Community of the Year, Farrcroft, Fairfax, 2001 American Planning Association Merit Award NEAC, Prince William County Context, Issues and Strategies, 1995 American Planning Association Merit Award, VA Chapter, 1989 Thesis Project Design Award, Lansdowne, Loudoun County Virginia, 1980

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