Project Narrative

Improvements to the Embassy of the State of Libya

1460 Dahlia Street, NW, Washington, DC

The project includes improvements to the Embassy of the State of Libya, located in the NW quadrant at 1460 Dahlia Street, NW.

The 43,951 SF site, which currently houses a 2-story chancery and embassy building, as well as an associated asphalt parking lot, is more formally known as Lot 0814 in Square 2950 according to DC Atlas. The site is abutted by Dahlia Street NW on the north, 15th Street NW on the west, and existing developed lots to the south and east. The property is located at the Foreign Missions Center at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (FMC) administered by the United States Department of State (DOS). The property is zoned R-1-B according to the on-line DC zoning map and is not subject to the Zoning regulations as a foreign mission. However, it is subject to the provisions as outlined on the Foreign Missions Center Master Plan at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

In general, the project will include the following items:

- installation of a modular storage/office building, as well as necessary utility connections, ramp, and sidewalks;
- installation of a modular guard house and waiting area building with necessary utility connections and sidewalk connections;
- utility connections to include water connection to existing water service on site that is currently serving the existing building, sanitary connection to the existing 8” sanitary sewer main in 15th Street, NW, and storm sewer connection to the existing storm sewer manhole at the intersection of Dahlia and 14th Street, NW;
- expansion of the existing parking lot;
- addition of a front asphalt or permeable paver turnaround/drop off area;
- addition of perimeter security fencing and 2 automatic vehicular gates along the west property line;
- addition of perimeter security fencing with knee wall, and 1 automatic vehicular gate on the north property line;
- addition of black chain link fence on south and east property lines;
- two (2) overhead shade canopies over the parking lot and rear patio areas;
- three (3) bioretention facilities and associated storm connections;
- grading in the front and rear yards.