



Design Review Board (DRB) Staff Report
Prepared for the August 4, 2021 DRB Meeting

Lighting

- Case # 21-56: Cutbank Bluff Lighting
Riverside Drive
Memphis, TN 38103
- Applicant: Memphis River Parks Partnership
22 N Front St, Ste 960
Memphis, TN 38103
- Owner: City of Memphis
125 N Main St
Memphis, TN 38103
- Background: The Cutbank Bluff is a new pedestrian pathway leading down the bluff from Vance Park to Riverside Drive. Design plans for the Cutbank Bluff were approved at the December 2, 2020 DRB meeting. The applicant is now returning to receive approval for the project's lighting plan.
- Project Description: The lighting plan for Cutbank Bluff includes four distinct light fixtures:
- Pole-mounted LED downlights will be used to provide pedestrian lighting along the Riverwalk path at the top of the bluff, and at the Riverside entrance to the Cutbank Bluff path. The fixtures will be mounted on 12 ft. high poles.
 - LED lights embedded in aluminum bollards will line the switchback path down the bluff. The bollards will be 31.5 in. high, with a diameter of 4.5 inches.
 - LED ground lights will provide uplighting for trees throughout the bluff.
 - Light pods will be embedded in the handrails along the stairs that cut across the switchback path, illuminating the stairs for pedestrians.
- Staff Report: The Cutbank Bluff project is a vital new pedestrian connection that will make the riverfront more accessible than ever before. As both a path to some of Downtown's greatest public spaces, and a dramatic new public space in its own right, Cutbank Bluff fulfills the

Downtown Design Guidelines' principles of enhancing the public realm, improving the pedestrian experience, providing signature open spaces, and celebrating the riverfront.

The proposed lighting plan for Cutbank Bluff enhances the design of the public space with fixtures that have been selected to complement the landscaping. The lighting is appropriately scaled for the pedestrian, and will provide both increased pedestrian safety and aesthetic enhancement to the Cutbank Bluff project.

Staff Recommendation: **Staff recommends approval**