

Mervin Jackson Park/ Piano Project

Piano Project History

- ▶ Proposed by Commission on Public Art (COPA) on November 28, 2023
 - ◆ Piano for public use, available for anyone to play
 - ◆ Painted by a local artist as a temporary art installation
 - ◆ Promotes performing arts and creates a sense of community
- ▶ Endorsed by Council with directive to staff to find a suitable location

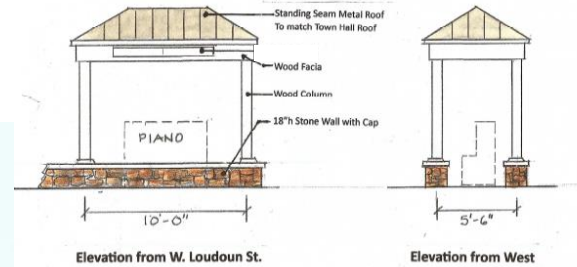


Mervin Jackson Park East Panel (East Panel)

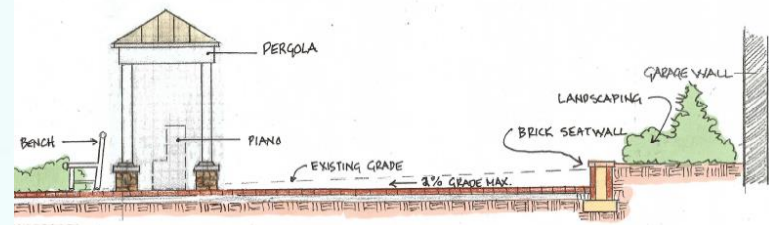
- ▶ 2018 Council adopted the Town Hall Campus Master Plan
- ▶ 2020 Town Hall Campus Improvement Phase I added to the Capital Improvement Program
- ▶ Staff determined it would be ideal to develop the East Panel to include a structure to house the piano



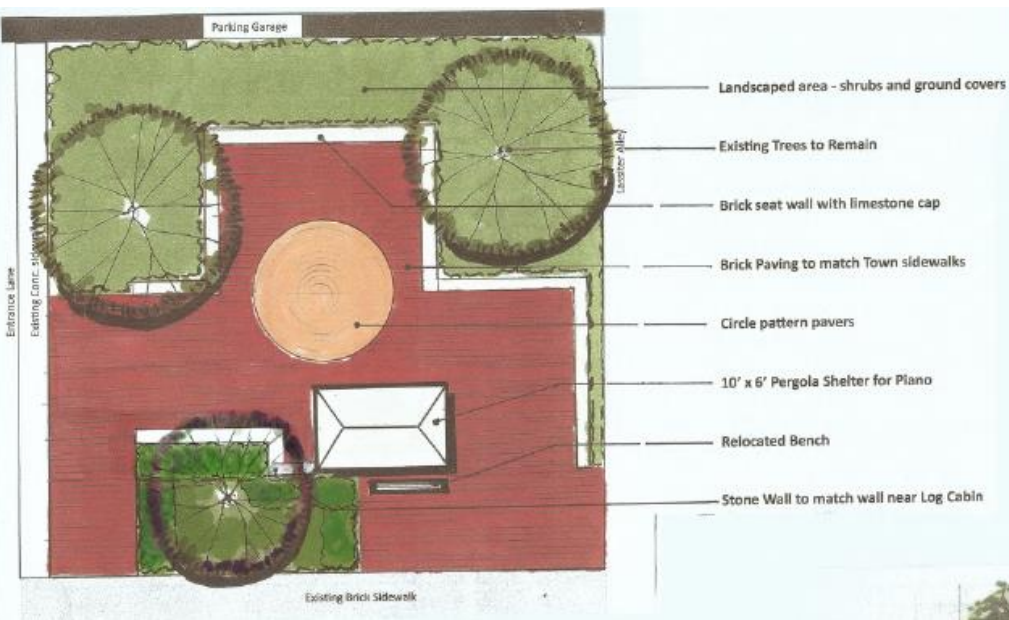
East Panel Piano Project Design Plans



Pergola
Scale: 1/4" = 1'



Elevation from West Loudoun St.



Typical Wall Elevations

Timeline

- ✓ Project design
- ✓ Approval by Board of Architectural Review (May 22)
- ✓ Bid packet published (May 29)
- Staff review of bids (June-July)
- Construction (dependent on contractor's availability)
- Completion (Fall 2024)

Construction of a New Public Space to Begin on East Parcel of Mervin Jackson Park

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Leesburg, VA (August 7, 2024) – Construction of a new park amenity will soon begin on the east parcel of Mervin Jackson Park, located east of the Loudoun Street entrance into the Town Hall Parking Garage.



The project will transform the undeveloped space into a public gathering space that will include a brick patio, a surrounding seat wall with lighting, and a lighted pavilion-like structure to house the Town's much anticipated community piano.

The Commission on Public Art (COPA) proposed the idea of a community piano during a Town Council meeting in November 2023. Once the entire project is complete, the donated piano will be available for all to play and enjoy. In addition, a "Call to Artists" will be issued so the piano can be painted, adding a visual art element to the park.

In addition, the Town will be incorporating the existing trees into the design of the park with the exception of one tree that will be transplanted. The pet waste station will be relocated to the west parcel of the park on the other side of the parking garage entrance.

Due to the construction, there may be brief, intermittent sidewalk and street closures. The construction is expected to be completed by the end of September. The Town appreciates your patience during this period.

This transformation is a part of the Town Hall Master Plan, adopted in August 2018, to plan for long term future enhancements and redevelopment of the Town Hall campus. For more information regarding this project, contact Construction Project Manager Rizwan Ishaq at rishaq@leesburgva.gov.

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