

MIAMI BEACH

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Staff Report & Recommendation

Design Review Board

TO: DRB Chairperson and Members

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SUBJECT: DRB22-0793

3400 Chase Avenue – Right of Way Shared Use Path

An application has been filed requesting Design Review Approval on an advisory basis, for the construction of a new shared use path, including the widening of an existing sidewalk.

Project Description:

The Office of Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) has submitted a project for advisory review to the Design Review Board. The project area includes the south side of Chase Avenue between Alton Road and 34th Street, and 34th Street from Chase Avenue to Prairie Avenue.

There is currently no sidewalk located on the south side of Chase Avenue. There is an existing golf cart path, consisting of gray concrete, which meanders along the north side of the golf course (south of Chase Avenue). The project includes the construction of a 10-foot-wide shared use asphalt path located south of Chase Avenue; the path will meander within the existing landscaping, most of which will be substantially retained. The palms on site are proposed to be retained and the number of canopy trees will be increased.

The intersection of this path with Alton Road will be part of a future project that will address needed improvements at the Alton Road/Chase Avenue intersection. Near 34th street, the path will continue with an eight (8) foot wide red sidewalk, replacing the existing five-foot-wide sidewalk. Due to some changes in elevation, the use of safety railing may be required for some portion of the path along Chase Avenue.

Recommendation:

Staff has the following recommendations for the project:

1. Poulson light fixtures should be utilized instead of acorn light fixtures.
2. All safety railings shall consist of a pedestrian scaled design, with a flat profile and aluminum finish.

The recommendations of the Board will be transmitted via LTC to the City Commission.