

CITY OF KINGSTON

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



February 2nd, 2024

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President/Alderman-at-Large
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Post Office Park

Dear President Shaut,

I am writing to request that the parcel of land at the intersection of Broadway and Prince St. be officially designated as a City Park to allow for the construction of Post Office Park (see attached map).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL


LAWS & RULES
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: MAYOR

DATE: 2-2-24

Description:

Official City Park designated for Post Office Park at the intersection of Broadway and Prince St

Signature 

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Action Required:

SEQRA Decision:

Type I Action _____

Type II Action _____

Unlisted Action _____

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

Conditioned Negative Declaration: _____

Seek Lead Agency Status: _____

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Michele Hirsch, Chairman, Ward 9		
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3		
Sara Pasti, Ward 1		
Teryl Mickens, Ward 2		
Robert Dennison, Ward 6		

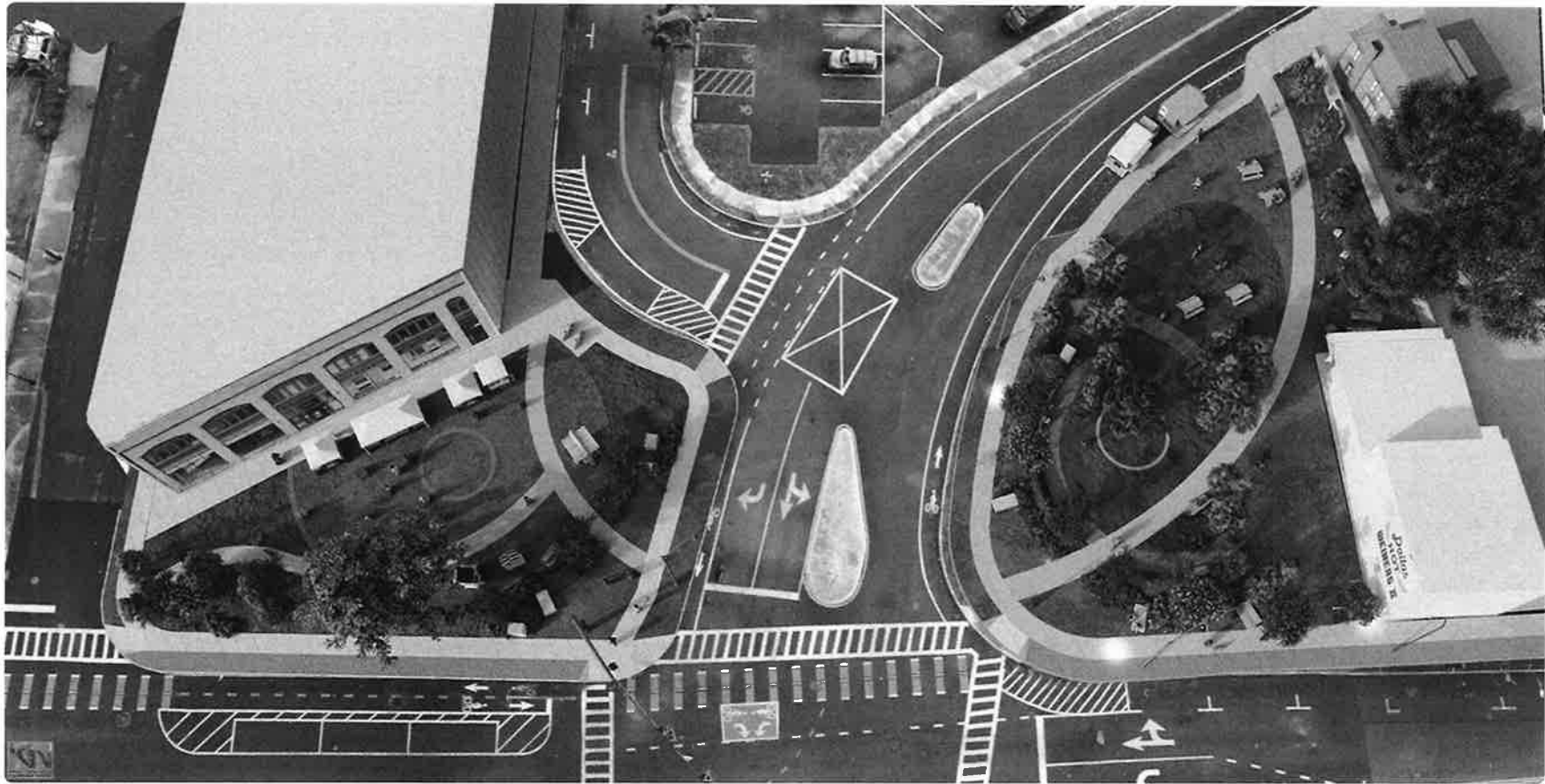
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POST OFFICE SQUARE

Final Design (Timeline to be determined)





POST OFFICE SQUARE

Phase I



Millard Building



POST OFFICE SQUARE

Phase I



Millard Building



1 CONCRETE PATH,



2 TREE, SHRUB PLANTING



3 BLUESTONE EDGE



4 BENCH

POST OFFICE SQUARE

Phase I



POST OFFICE SQUARE

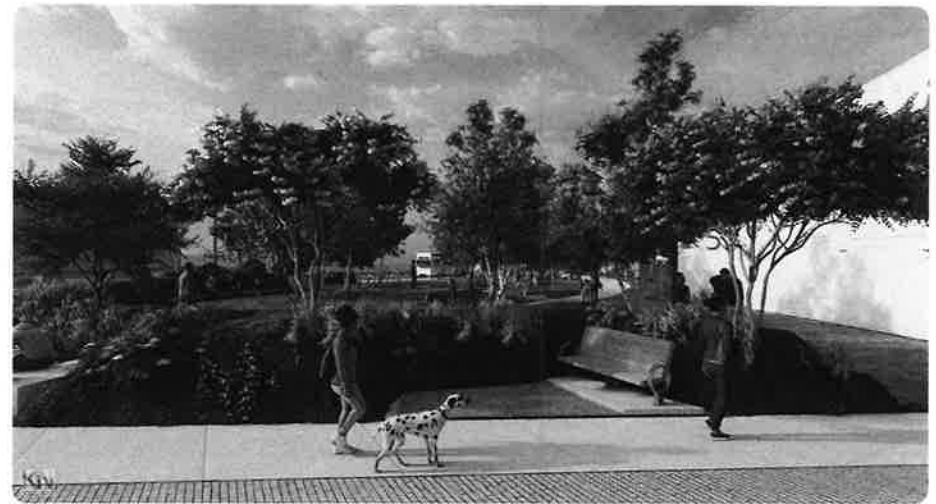
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1 CONCRETE PATH,
SHADE STRUCTURE



2 TREE, SHRUB PLANTING



3 BLUESTONE OR
CONCRETE



4 BENCH



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POST OFFICE SQUARE

Phase I



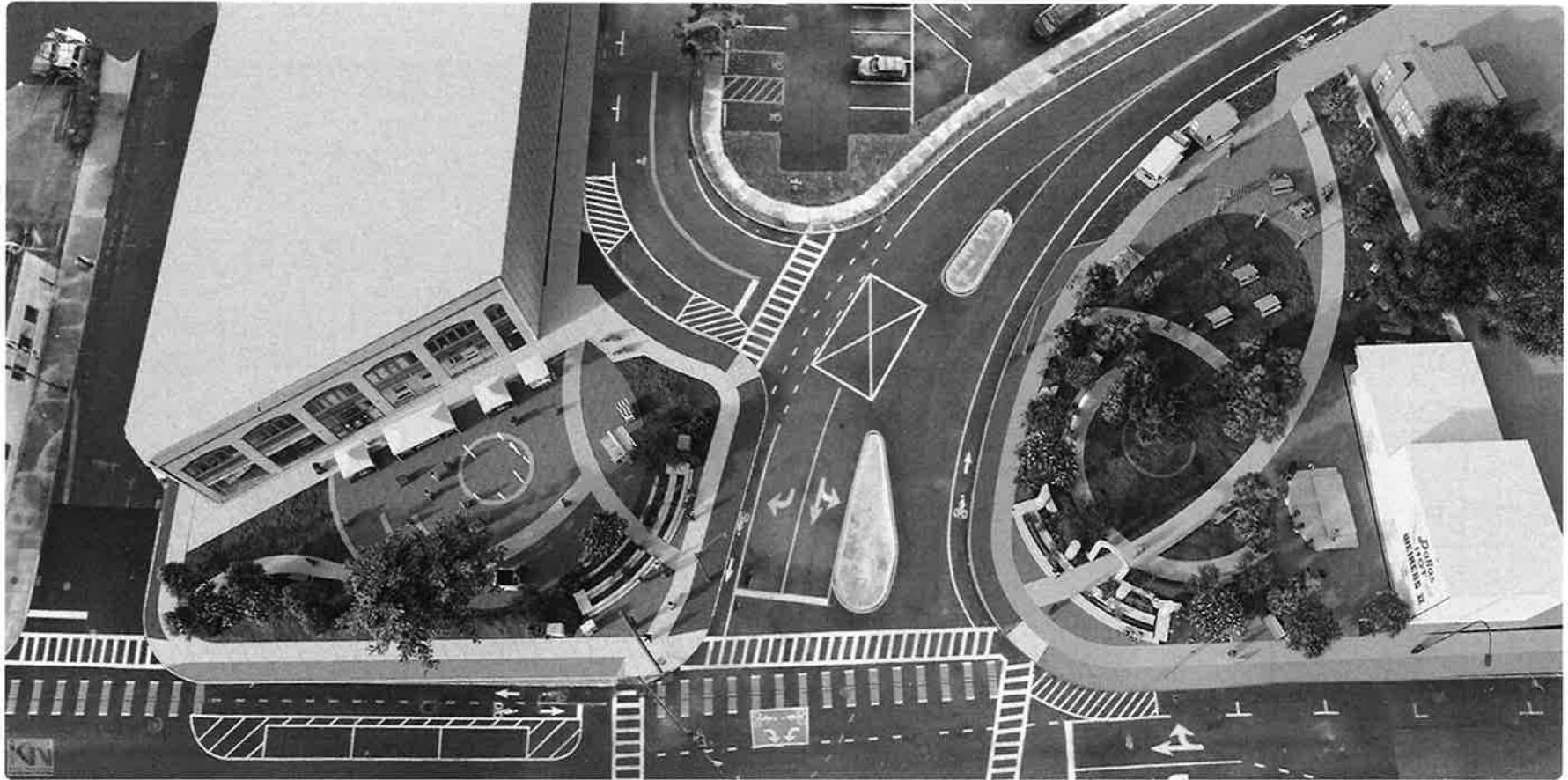
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POST OFFICE SQUARE

Phase I





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POST OFFICE SQUARE

Millard Building



1 DECOMPOSED GRANITE / PERMEABLE RESIN BOUND GRAVEL



2 CAST CONCRETE SEATING ELEMENTS



3 BLUESTONE EDGE



4 JETS FOUNTAIN

Final Design (Timeline to be determined)



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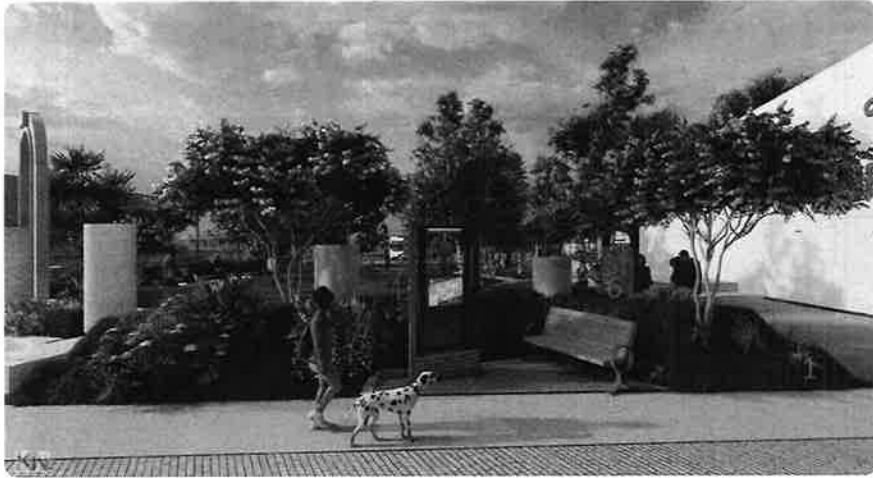
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1 DECOMPOSED GRANITE / PERMEABLE RESIN BOUND GRAVEL



2 CONCRETE PATH, SHADE STRUCTURE



3 CAST CONCRETE SEATING ELEMENTS



4 BLUESTONE PATHS



5 SEATING PLATFORM



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Tinti, Elisa

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From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 9:45 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Scott-Childress, Reynolds
Subject: Fw: Communication re Establishing a Charter Review Task Force

Good morning,

Please include the following email in my communications folder.

Thank you,

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

From: Scott-Childress, Reynolds <Ward3@kingston-ny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:40 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Communication re Establishing a Charter Review Task Force

Dear President Shaut,

I request that the appropriate committee of the Kingston Common Council consider initiating a process to establish a "Kingston Charter Revision Task Force."

The NY Department of State document, "Revising City Charters in New York State," describes a City charter as "the basic document that defines the organization, powers, functions and essential procedures of the city government. It is comparable to the State Constitution and the Constitution of the United States. The charter is, therefore, the most important single law of any city." The Department of State document notes that a "good charter should provide a clear distribution of the powers of city government and clear descriptions of the duties and powers of municipal officials."

Reasons to consider Charter revision, or at least review, might include:

- Providing the basis for reconsidering municipal regulatory functions and improving the delivery of municipal services.
- Avoiding problems caused by obsolete provisions that may have become unworkable due to changed conditions.
- Removing contradictions between outmoded structural features and excellent delivery of essential services.
- Establishing a reasonable balance of powers to ensure our City government equitably represents Kingston residents' interests.

From what I understand, the City of Kingston's charter has not been reviewed in more than twenty years. It is certainly possible that our Charter is not in need of significant revision. But I believe it is high time we consider the quality of the current Charter with an eye to making any improvements a review might reveal.

For a general guide to City charter reform, see the National Civic League's *Guide for Charter Commissions*, 6th edition. For the guide produced by the New York Department of State's Division of Local Government Services, see "Revising City Charters in New York State."
Sincerely yours,

Reynolds J. Scott-Childress

Alderman, Ward 3

City of Kingston

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