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Dear Mr. Lawler:

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to listen to an information presentation on the revised concept design for the overlooks at the new Georgetown Waterfront Park during its meeting of 19 May 2005. We appreciate your response to our previous recommendations, particularly the continuation of the paving material under the overlooks.

However, the Commission members continue to be concerned about the scale, height, and illumination of the 75-foot masts at the trellis areas as well as the quality of the proposed materials in terms of their durability and maintenance requirements. The Commission will consider the recommendation of the Old Georgetown Board after their review of the project on 2 June and they look forward to further review of these design elements along with the rest of the waterfront park at our next meeting scheduled for 16 June.

For this and future submissions, we request that your office more closely coordinate the submission of materials with our staff according to the scheduled deadlines.

Sincerely,



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