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Joint Planning Commission and City Council Form-Based Code Committee

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 20, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.
Planning & Zoning Conference Room 17

AGENDA

Note: times given are
approximate unless
otherwise noted.

- I. Agenda
- II. Overview of tonight's meeting
- III. Public Forum – (15 min)
- IV. Downtown Form-Based Code Review
The committee will briefly review its discussion of Form District 5 Downtown Center (Sec. 14.3.6) and move onto Form District 4 – Downtown Neighborhood (Sec. 14.3.4). Specific items to cover will include lot coverage, setbacks, encroachments into setback and Rights-of-Way, signs and uses.
- V. Public Forum – (15 min)
- VI. Adjourn – (7:30pm)

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Joint FBC Committee Meeting Notes

Oct 20, 2015

Committee Members: E. Lee, A. Montroll, C. Mason, M. Tracy, J. Shannon and R. Deane

Staff: D. White (Planning)

Topic: FD5

Overview – review of FD5 for those not present at the last meeting and move on to FD4 with a hope of getting through all of the Form Districts. Also to discuss the area west of Battery and if it should be included in FD5.

Question raised about CCTV taping meetings –t here is an expense and no budget. May make best sense towards the end of the process when the Committee is reviewing all changes they have made before passing it along. A future Council Work session may also be a good forum/opportunity.

Committee and public would benefit from a list of: changes the Committee have made, and what outstanding issues still need to be addressed. Also this Committee needs to be coordinated with the Mall Committee. Should expect the Mall to follow the objective of the FBC.

Public Forum:

B. Hielman: Interested and concerned about the potential height of the Mall. Also interested in a way to videotape meetings.

S. Rubin: Thanks for your hardwork. Wondering how to stay involved in the process as it evolves.

E. Morrow: Tailoring the FBC to a specific project like the Mall isn't a good idea. The FBC needs to be what we want. Also using the mall as an example, we can test to see how much relief may or may not be necessary for a project like this. Distributed a job description for a City Architect.

Form District 5

Staff gave an overview of FD5 and what has already been covered.

Committee comments/changes included:

- Outdoor display and storage: no autos and RV's, but boats OK (but not likely beyond the waterfront)
- Perkins should be a Civic space, and will need to make sure the Civic types accommodate what is anticipated here (public marina).
- M. Tracy argued to remove FD5 west of Battery particularly given the public sensitivity to the waterfront in general and concerns about changes to the review process.
- J. Shannon moved to take it out, M. Tracy seconded. Also suggested it could be its own form district or something that would recognize the different nature of this area.

- J. Shannon (E. Lee seconded) moved to keep area west of Battery in FD5 and ensure we treat Lake St. north of College to be consistent with planBTV: Downtown Waterfront and specifically want more space along Lake St for outdoor seating, and facilitate public access between Battery Park Ext and Lake St. (through Official Map reference?)
Approved, M. Tracy against

Public Forum #2:

S. Rubin: Worried about a complete line of tall buildings along Battery Park. What about a funicular. Agrees that this should fit into planBTV vision. Public access over the bank need to feel inviting to the public and not feel private/exclusive.

B. Hielman: Also worried about blocking views of the lake and mountains by large buildings along the park.

Next Meeting: October 28, 5:30pm, City Hall Conf Rm 12