



Meaningful Neighborhood Input in the Development Process

CCNA Committee Report – July 27, 2022 EC Meeting

At our May 18th CCNA EC meeting we formed a committee to address the CCNA Initiative “Meaningful Neighborhood Input in the Development Process”. The committee members, Norm Dumaine, Joanne Gonet, Ron Collins, David Morriss and I (Jim Ludwig) have met weekly since we formed. In our initial meeting I was selected as Chair and we agreed the others would share the Secretary responsibilities, although Norm has accepted the brunt.

Our first meeting was focused on understanding the problem, our role in its solution, and a timeline for meeting. We understand the desire to meet a September CCNA Monthly Membership Meeting target to report to the membership. We agreed we needed a collection point for our communications among the committee and Ron Collins stepped up and created a secure folder weblink where our committee documentation is stored and available to us.

Prior to the committee’s formation there were two “Meaningful Input” meetings arranged by Lou, one with Pat Robinson and Lucia Panica (attended by Lou and Norm) and a second one with Robert Fournier that Lou and all committee members other than David were able to attend. Both meetings were constructive and uncovered areas we can and will further research. We found City staff open and helpful to our efforts.

All committee members are actively participating, each bringing a different perspective and experience, making for meaningful discussion. Early on we recognized that solutions to the problems we are uncovering fall into two categories:

- **Short Term:** Items that can be implemented without changes in City Code (Comp Plan or Zoning);
- **Longer Term:** Items that will most likely take code changes to fully implement.

We agreed, that with the desire to meet a September membership report date, we needed to identify and concentrate on the short term items, although the longer term items would be documented for future resolution. Although we didn’t specifically state it, I think we all feel that the longer term items would be best taken up after a new City Commission is seated in November 2022.

Norm had reported that the meeting he and Lou had with Lucia was productive and some ideas were suggested by Lucia for possible changes. When the time was right, we reached out to Lucia asking her to elaborate on those items and explore other (Short Term) items we had come across. Once Lucia was back from vacation, she was able to meet with us (last week). She not only reiterated the items Norm had reported but as hoped, our discussion uncovered additional items. We will detail these in a specific report, but **Lucia has and will implement many if not all these items**. They are short term and within her purview to implement. Credit goes to Lucia for listening, understanding and acting.

Lucia volunteered, and the committee felt it would very beneficial, to put together a flow chart of the development process. As she pointed out and we all agreed, it would be helpful not only for us but with City staff and other stakeholders as well as we move forward. We anticipate a 2nd meeting with her sometime in the next few weeks.

In our committee several of us have tried putting together “papers” identifying the issues and possible resolution. There is a very insightful “white paper” that David Morriss penned. The gist of that is the role that CCNA will need to play and the idea that to be successful each of the affected parties will need to act “in good faith”. I won’t get into details with this report, but a significant part of the solutions we see, particularly in the short term are educational in nature and CCNA will

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need to take an active leadership role in working with our member neighborhoods on that. Although we are not there yet, I believe education in a variety of areas will be a permanent EC function we will need to take on.

I expect the committee will have more specifics to report by our next scheduled EC Meeting (August 11th).

Respectively Submitted

Jim

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