

Meaning Neighborhood Committee Report - 2/4/2023

Working with the Planning Department on Meaningful Neighborhood Input is still a work in progress, but we are excited that the Planning Department is following a lot of the process suggestions we mutually worked out as they move the Zoning Text Amendments forward. It feels like there has been significantly more opportunity for meaningful input. The real test will come as the details of the amendments are presented.

We are looking forward to Lucia coming back from her leave, which we understand is scheduled for this upcoming week, (February 6, 2023). We have some pieces that with her help we will be able to shore up and report back to everyone.

We have begun the process of meeting with the development community. To date those discussions have assured us that many of the developers feel that "the system is broke" and they appear willing to work with us in finding solutions where the neighborhoods and residents can be at the table EARLY and let me emphasize EARLY in the process. As we have learned the later you are in a project the more money you have spent and the harder the process is to go back and change something significant.

As you may know, Ron Collins, for personal reasons, has resigned from our committee, although he will keep his eyes on us and offer advice and counsel as we need it.

- so I will be discussing with the EC at our next meeting a replacement.

Meaningful Input has two components:

- short term - things that can be done without code change and

- longer term - things that should be done to codify the process to fix the system.

As a parting contribution Ron has given the committee a solid blueprint on that longer term project, which the committee will discuss in an upcoming meeting.

Respectfully submitted

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