

Meaningful Public Input Committee Report

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Meaningful Input:

I know many feel Meaningful Public Input seems like it has taken forever, and at times I share that thought, **BUT**:

The Neighborhood Leg, chaired by Ron Kashden and Eileen Normile have a paper they will share with you today. Their committee will be reaching out to each neighborhood to come to you and discuss the significant changes made by Development Services including better defining the role of the Case Planner and how we best interact with them.

The Developer Leg is beginning to bring the development community in to discuss how to interact with the neighborhood leadership before a development application is submitted and then how to hold a "workshop" at a point where there is sufficient information to have meaningful dialogue. Let me just say, the developer community shares our feeling that **the existing workshop structure is not working**. There is a subset that will work with Carl Shoffstall on a solution because it is in both their and our interest to do so. Having every developer work with us is unrealistic, but a very large percentage will.

The City Leg is also making incredible progress. Working with the City we are updating various city webpages and the page on Workshops to "include" the neighborhood associations. We were only getting a notice about workshops and the developer community did not necessarily know what neighborhood the project was in let alone how to contact their leadership. We are working on changing that.

Another piece we are working on, which to me is a **GAME CHANGER**, is transitioning Land Use Compatibility from something "subjective" to something "objective". Early discussions with staff have been encouraging. The goal is to get "compatibility" a key checkbox in the DRC process.

Those who feel we are moving too slow, just hang it there. Meaningful Input requires a cultural change, but every indication from the Commissioners, from Staff, from Neighborhood leadership, and from a significant subset of the Development community, the timing is NOW.

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Ludwig, Chair