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WRAC Land Use & Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda

September 10, 2024 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82240552285>

Meeting ID: 822 4055 2285

1. Call to order

2. Roll call –

3. Welcome & announcements

- Maryam/Drew: Maryam suggests people formulate a position on prop 33 impacting rent control and repealing Costa Hawkins Rental housing Act (1995), if passed.
- Other board member updates:

4. Approval of minutes

4.1. May 2024 Meeting minutes

5. Presentations/guest speakers – none planned

6. Old business –

7. New Business –

7.1: As communities continue the review process for updated community plans, the mapping that leads to new zoning recommendations continues to be befuddle many, and the interface between community plans and the Housing Element remain a question. In fact, a disclaimer on the interactive mapping tool launched by City Planning states that the outcome of pending and future legislation may result in updated to FAR and heigh limit bonuses.

The motion proposed for consideration and vote by Westside NC is one that would stay any further zoning changes or undertaking mapping refinement to identify and/or recommend bonus densities until we know exactly what impact the HE will have on our neighborhoods and communities.

The _____ Neighborhood/Community Council, a member of the Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests the City Planning Department suspend further work on the Westside Community Plans until the policies and mapping to implement the Housing Element have been

adopted by the City and approved by the State and their impacts on local land use and each community plan are known.

7.2. To ensure that the City follows its own Ordinance that prohibits parking in the front yard, and to revise the ordinance to clearly state this intent to the understanding of DBS Code Enforcement, we are being asked to require the Planning Department implement safeguards to ensure enforcement of existing laws. We will be asking the Planning Dept. to notify DBS Code Enforcement that paved parking shall be removed from front yards.

The only pavement allowed in front yards is for a driveway to directly access the garage (only as wide as the garage), and a circular driveway that has 2 access points to the ROW, that covers no more than 50% of the front yard.

This allows more dirt to capture stormwater and percolate into the aquifers (and increase water supply), and to provide more trees to cool the city, provide habitat for our highly biodiverse biome, and reduce global heating that causes drought.

The _____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Neighborhood Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests that the City revise the Landscape Ordinance to clarify that pavement for extra parking is prohibited in the front yards of all parcels, except for garage driveways and circular driveways (maximum of 50% of the front yard). The Planning Dept. shall add that prohibited excess pavement shall be removed at the owner's cost, or a citation and/or lien shall be recorded against the property. See supporting documentation attached.

8. Open forum - discussion of matters on the horizon or possible agenda items for future meetings. Previous Suggestions (do we want these on an agenda looking ahead?)

- A) If a faith based development: If faith based groups build housing, do they get to use a tax exemption on the project? How will the City get tax money to pay for the services?
- B) Subterranean setbacks: one idea we submitted to Planning the Westside, is to have a decent setback for the first subterranean floor and then let them go border-to-border for any floors below that.

9. Adjournment