

Sara,

Thanks for all your work on this project and the Comprehensive Plan process. Seriously, you did a good job on this even though the following acidic comments might not be up to Moonstruck standards. Still having problems making comments on the Map App. We can talk on Thursday about this.

Comments from University Park Neighborhood Association Land Use & Transportation Committee are labeled as such.

1) The Community Involvement Committee should be relabeled as the "Community Involvement Advisory Committee", that would clarify the true nature of the committee which is to assist and inform BPS and the City, not to make independent decisions, undertake inquiries, or approve projects. An alternative term may also be Community Engagement Committee or Community Engagement Advisory Committee.

2) As a general observation there seems to be a limited role for the Public Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC) and its relationship to this whole process and the CIAC is unclear.

3) section 740 -- Suggest 45 days notice for hearings be the standard. 30 or 35 is insufficient for neighborhoods and many groups.

Add Drainage, Fire, Stormwater and similar districts to the list of organizations to be notified. Plus there should be a registry (perhaps on-line) for groups to receive notices of all hearings. Such groups could include neighborhood associations, realtor associations, apartment owner/managers, condo associations, environmental groups (Clean Air, Sierra Club, OLCV, 1000 Friends), individual realtors/developers, media etc. Railroads also for all projects within 300 feet.

Add: Notice to be provided in multiple languages (at least on the website) to be decided by ONI

Add: All notices will be posted on the BPS/BDS website by location and type of notice

4) 910-- support (but it is too limited -- should include other groups and contact names/phones/addresses etc)

5) Oppose the membership process for the CIC -- the Director should reach out to the neighborhood coalitions, partners, etc for members as well as the Council members. It is too insular a process and does not encourage engagement. The City's approach to citizen participation/community engagement is broken -- this CIC particularly appointed by the Director just perpetuates the problem.

Oppose non-payment for CIC members. Also extensive training, child care, meals, transportation allowance should be provided. One option is to look at the Swedish/Norwegian/Danish model of community involvement where people are paid or stipended etc. and thus have to attend, participate and take it seriously.

Even corporate board members are paid. To do otherwise is to create a disincentive for marginalized groups such as seniors, students, single parents, new Americans, ex offenders, handicapped, geographically challenged etc.

Meetings should have translators as well.

Engagement Manual- good first effort. Concerned about the manual not being culturally sensitive and very linear. No specific tools other than surveys. Not enough attention on how to communicate with

the communities (tools, funds etc). No suggestion of best practices -- charrettes, mind maps, community power maps etc. No suggestions of how to engage Academic Institutions in the process. Nor any way of developing partnerships with non profits be they advocacy or service oriented.

No role for ONI? No role for BDS or other government agencies?

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