

Read Me First, a Preview of the Thursday, February 13th CIZUP Advisory Group Meeting

Equity Discussion:

We will start this Thursday's meeting with a quick discussion of what an equity lens is, why it is important and how we can apply it to our work.

Existing Conditions Part II:

At our first meeting the Advisory Group identified a range of issues surrounding the development of campus institutions; how their operations impact adjoining neighborhoods, and experiences (both pro and con) regarding the current procedures employed by the city to regulate new campus development. A synopsis of this discussion was distributed to participants last week for your review.

At our meeting on February 13th, I would like to complete this discussion regarding current conditions before the group turns its attention to available alternatives. I am including two spreadsheets with the meeting packet in order to assist in this discussion:

1. Campus Institution Regulatory Approvals

This document lists 15 institutions subject to conditional use, conditional use master plan or impact mitigation plan requirements, together with some descriptive data regarding these campuses. It includes a list of the predominant issues raised during the review as reflected in the testimony, staff reports and Hearings Official decisions.

2. Regulatory Process Comparison

This document provides a quick comparison among the three predominant review procedures currently used by the City in evaluating dispersed campus development; Conditional Use, Conditional Use Master Plan and Impact Mitigation Plans. I ended up leaving a lot of detail off of this spreadsheet in order to keep it a manageable size. For those of you who are interested in diving deeper into the approval processes or submittal requirements the full development code text has been included on the project website.

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It is my hope that by referring to these spreadsheets for structure and tapping into advisory group members personal experience, we can complete the existing conditions discussion with a deeper understanding of the issues we will be addressing in coming phases of this project.

Next Up: Alternative Approaches

At Thursday's meeting we will begin the discussion of alternative zoning and neighborhood mitigation options. There are some examples to consider within the city (Marquam Hill and PSU) and some good work has been done in this regard by the College Coalition and the Bookin Group. More recently, Portland Public Schools has outlined a proposal for a public facilities zone that would include k-12 schools as well as higher education and hospitals. Finally, the Comprehensive Plan Policy Update anticipates creation of an Institutional Employment base zone with implementing standards and procedures. What information will be helpful to have at our next meetings in April and June to a) develop a complete list of alternative regulatory approaches and b) narrow these choices to a preferred alternative?

See you Thursday.