

Public Workshop: Concept Development

Better Housing by Design Project

Notes from 2/25/2017 Small Group Discussions

Questions You'd Like Answered Today

- Are there proposed changes to zone boundaries/map?
- Are there proposed changes to zone definitions/densities?
- Will there be minimum density requirements for infill?
- Why is proposed R5 max density higher than R2?

General – Notes from Small Group Discussion

- BES should be here.
- Get rid of stigma around “condo”.
- Flexibility for diversity of housing types.
- Solar access
- Design is more than aesthetics
- Aesthetics are still important, though, and bad aesthetics aren't necessarily cheaper.
- Allow more units
- Design should make it easy to do affordable rental housing.
- More bonuses for affordability – flexibility to allow reduced costs if affordable housing is included
- Keep costs down
- Can we go taller and have it all?
- Growth is good – many places aren't growing, or are shrinking, and that's a terrible place to be in.
- But growth just for the sake of growth is bad.
- Climate change needs to be a focus.
- Growth should be in centers, but not corridors until issues of health and safety are addressed.
- Growth should be in inner PDX where there's a lot of infrastructure.