

Office of Neighborhood Involvement
GREAT, Guidelines Review Empowerment Assessment Team
Public Hearing on Draft City Code 3.96 Changes
Wednesday, June 10, 2003

Attendance:

Name: Pedro J. Ferbel-Azcarate, Dave Johnston, Dixie Johnston, Farceda Saahir, Susan Pearce, Patricia Gardner, Linda Nettekoven, Jason N. Oraf, Kathy Bambeck, Dr. Pamela E. Settlegoode, Mary Ann Schwab, Moshe Lenske, Mike O'Malley, Mark Seber, Stan Lewis, Christopher Frankonis, Leonard Gard, Bill Goode, Cynthia Strickland, not everyone signed in.
City staff: Comm. Randy Leonard, Thomas Lannom, Brian Hoop, David Lane, Brent Canode

Commissioner Randy Leonard gave comments about his vision for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement followed by open comments.

Below are notes relating to comments made about Code 3.96 language:

- ❑ Confusion over who has authority over these documents . Sometimes references say the code is established by council and sometimes by ONI.
- ❑ City bureaus need to have evening meetings for public involvement. Land use hearings need to be in evening. (Idea for PI Task Force.)
- ❑ Original goal of ONA to have staff responsive to citizens concern as well as just being out in neighborhoods. We are losing this purpose.
- ❑ Need to have meeting spaces at these mini-city halls (proposal by Comm. Randy Leonard) for staff and citizens to problem solve issues. (Idea for PI Task Force.)
- ❑ Hold regular town hall meetings once or twice a year for city to explain services and neighbors to give their concerns. (Idea for PI Task Force.)
- ❑ Idea for Liquor license issues, go directly to neighborhood association meeting to help explain the issues and give notice.
- ❑ Overlapping boundaries can be a problem if both neighborhoods want to represent an area, especially if they have competing interests. (Problem for SWHRL.)

- Responsibilities of city agencies. What types of decisions/projects are bureaus responsible to include the public? Get public input on chart of types of decisions. (Idea for PI Task Force.)
- Responsibilities of ONI. Comment that Neighborhood Associations should be held accountable to public records as well as open meetings/public records law. Discussion on how the proposed language actually cuts neighborhoods from state open meetings law and creates a simplified open meetings rule.
- Responsibilities of City Agencies re: 45 day notice. Concern who decides if bureaus can get out of the 45 day notice.
- Fear of concern about privacy expressed, and people not exposing their opinions. Concern relating to controversial issues at neighborhood and coalition meetings and participants comments being recorded.
- Neighborhood Coalition newsletters should be done every month, all coalitions should be consistent.