

Neighborhood Coalition Directors and Chairs Group
Comments on the Draft Surplus Land Disposition Policy

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Clarifications:

- Eight major property owning bureaus (BES, Water, Parks, Facilities, etc.)
- Bureaus will establish their own internal processes for identifying when property the bureau owns is “surplus.”
- All dispositions of surplus property will go to City Council—even properties that are exempted from the process required in the proposed policy.

Comments:

- The community may want to know about the smaller properties.
- 30-day notice is not enough. A standard of 60 days is better.
- Neighborhood associations may meet every month, but often have packed agendas already.
- Neighborhood associations need time to prepare and understand the issues/opportunity and then reach out to their communities.
- Neighborhood associations interests in potential available property include:
 - Open space/connecting to parks/trails
 - Community focused buildings and gathering spaces
 - Community gardens

Need for further clarification:

- Will notice go out to the community, even for the smaller properties.
[Bryant said it will.]