University District Zoning and Planning Regulatory Review Task Force Meeting #8

Wednesday, December 9, 2008 12 Morrill Hall 100 Church St SE 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

MEETING NOTES

<u>Task force participants present:</u> Florence Littman, Mary Miller, Tim Harmsen, Diane Hofstede, Ron Lischeid, Jason Klohs, Jo Radzwill, Kate Fournier, Karen Harmsen, Doug Carlson, Bill Dane, Chad McGuire

Others present: Peg Wolff, Haila Maze, Jessica Thesing, Bob San, Robb Clarksen, Joe Bernard

Welcome and Introductions

Task force members and other attendees introduced themselves

Recap of Developer/Landlord Focus Group

- Meeting held December 8, covered both ZPRR and Alliance vision plan
- Good discussion among those in attendance notes to be compiled separately
- Will likely need to have follow-up discussions with group

Draft Interim Report and Supporting Materials

- Draft report presented containing all recommendations to date
- Additional materials presented, including one page summary and Power Point presentation to be used for neighborhood outreach meetings
- Comments on summary with discussion questions:
 - Input needed on what actions will be effective in addressing problems, and which ones will have the biggest impact
 - Also priorities for short-term changes to City code to be started earlier than other recommendations
- Comments on draft plan:
 - What about liquor licensing? How should it be regulated? Dinkytown
 environment increasingly like Warehouse District, with changing of shops
 into more bars and nightclub-like uses; amplified music an issue
 - City does not permit Downtown-like clubs, and all businesses must have at least 60% of their receipts for food, not drink; very difficult to enforce
 - Liquor licensing is a citywide issue will need to see how this is being handled in a larger context, as well as for the District
 - The District needs lifecycle housing options don't have these, e.g. options for people who want to stay in the area as they age but not maintain a large single family home

- Need to reflect shared parking options, parking reservoirs; can be a good option but problematic when same space ends up being counted multiple times towards various parking requirements
- Need best practices for renovating old buildings as well as successful case studies from the area showing how this can be done
- What is timeframe for return on investment for home renovations? What makes it work? Part of "giving back" to the community?
- Flag moratorium-related recommendations, including information on what's in moratorium language
- Also flag recommendations requiring legislative action

Outreach Plan

- City planning staff will be available to attend groups general idea to have them as part of already scheduled neighborhood, business association, and other meetings – rather than stand-alone meetings
- Will be up to task force members to schedule meetings, sometime during January or February 2009
- All materials will be available online as well on plan website
- Will add a schedule for outreach to materials and website, and send this along with other revised materials to task force members
- Timeline for project:
 - January-February 2009: neighborhood/business association meetings (no regular task force meetings at this time)
 - Late February-March: reconvene task force to review comments to date, and incorporate into draft; identify priority issues for implementation (e.g. City code text amendments) and begin process to move forward on parallel track
 - April: larger scale public meetings; incorporate changes and edits into plan
 - June-July: plan finalized and adopted by City and District; priority implementation items also adopted
 - August: moratorium ends, plan begins implementation phase