



CITY OF DES PERES
Department of Public Works

TO: City Administrator & City Clerk

FROM: Scott Schaefer
Assistant City Administrator

DATE: June 1, 2022

RE: Meeting Summary: Subcommittee on Multi-Family Housing and Prospective Changes to the Zoning Code

The subcommittee met at 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 1st inside the Council Chambers at the Des Peres Government Center. Those present included Commissioner Barringer, Arhens, Leinnauer and Young. Commissioners Mura and Don were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Staff in attendance included the Assistant City Administrator and Director of Public Works. Chris Graville was also in attendance in his capacity as City Attorney. Sign-in sheets were circulated amongst the larger crowd and will be kept on file.

Chairman Barringer advised that the purpose of the meeting was to continue deliberations on what amendments, if any, the subcommittee is comfortable recommending as they relate to modifying the Comprehensive Plan to conceptually define multi-family developments as an appropriate and targeted land-use under controlled conditions. Based on that context, the following discussion points were raised by the subcommittee in addition to members of the general public who were given the opportunity to voice their concerns and participate in the discussion:

- Concerns about the lack of explanation or rationale articulated by the subcommittee that would justify embracing multi-family housing in Des Peres. A similar question came up regarding the logic of reacting to a petition that substantially deviates from our comprehensive plan and zoning codes, suggesting the city has no obligations to review such a plan.
- General discussion about the perceived and tangible drawbacks of permitting apartment uses in Des Peres.

Outcome: Following a motion by Commissioner Barringer and a second by Commissioner Ahrens, the subcommittee unanimously agreed (4-0) to advance a recommendation in favor of amending the Comprehensive Plan relative to multi-family housing. The content of that proposed amendment can be [found here in its entirety](#) and will be addressed collectively by the full Planning & Zoning Commission at its upcoming regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th. Staff advised that a public hearing would be required prior to taking any formal action on the Comprehensive Plan, which likely won't occur until July or August

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depending on what direction the full Commission prefers to take in terms of scheduling, venue selection and other meeting logistics.

As for the draft zoning revisions pertaining to PD-MXD, the subcommittee agreed to table discussions until the full Commission takes further action on the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments. Assuming those amendments are agreeable and ultimately approved, the subcommittee will reconvene and continue its study of those zoning text amendments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm following a motion by Commissioner Barringer and a second by Commissioner Young.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SS', written over a faint rectangular stamp.

Scott Schaefer
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