



TREE & LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT
AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018
3:00 – 4:30 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee Members in Attendance: Jon Quitslund, Rasham Nassar, Ron Peltier, Sarah Blossom

COBI Staff: Jennifer Sutton

Public: Mike Juneau, Charles Schmid

Agenda Items 1, 2, & 3: Notes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed, and the meeting agenda was accepted. There was no public comment, and it was understood that comments would be in order as we moved through the meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion focused on details in the latest draft of the revised BIMC 16.18, with some reference to a page of bullet points prepared by Jennifer, identifying outstanding policy questions. Slightly different drafts of the chapter were on the table, and we worked primarily with the version that Ron distributed, where he had added additional notes to Jon's text.

In item B of section .010, referring to the *Comprehensive Plan*, a reference to Guiding Principles and the Introduction may be added.

In section .020, Jon's combination of Overview with Applicability was criticized. Rasham suggested moving Overview language to first place in the chapter, ahead of Findings and Purposes. For Applicability, Jennifer's input was requested.

In section .030, item H (pertaining to trimming and tree removal that may be required for efficient functioning of solar panels) gave rise to differing opinions: this needs fixing. It was agreed that in some situations, solar panels aren't feasible, perhaps because of trees on neighboring property. The need for sunlight to support a garden was mentioned in passing; the current draft doesn't provide explicitly for gardening. In items I. and J, some revision was called for regarding the 50% canopy cover provision.

In section .040, item A was criticized for a lack of clarity regarding property that may be further subdivided and developed, and item B may belong elsewhere in the chapter. Item C should be fleshed out with more about Forest Stewardship Plans.

Ron's comments touch on several items in section .050, and that's where our discussion ended. We discussed #3 in item E, where we may need the City Attorney's help.

Jon will produce another revision of the draft, taking account of the discussion, Ron's comments, and changes proposed in Jennifer's version dated January 16, along with the outstanding policy questions that she identified.

The Committee decided to hold a special meeting on January 31.

Notes Approved: January 31, 2018