

Sunnyland Neighborhood Charrette
August 20, 2008
Public Involvement Exercise #1 & #2
6:00 to 8:30 PM

Participation Ground Rule Reminders for All Staff, Consultants and Stakeholders

- The goal here is collaborative planning for this site – bring your energy, but also your patience and your tolerance
- Participants are asked to take responsibility for their comments by helping to craft solutions that serve the public good
- The goal is to achieve informed consent for a course of action, but differences of opinion are allowed and expected
- Participate or watch, your choice, but don't obstruct others from exercising their choice
- Everyone is encouraged to participate – we all have valid contributions to make
- No personal attacks – verbal and physical abuse will not be tolerated
- We are all here because we care about these issues
- Respect gets respect – set the tone and others will follow
- Listen and learn from each other – we all benefit when we open our minds to new ideas
- Remember that we are all participants in this process – decisions will be made by the City Council
- The goal of these exercises will be to have participants engage in honest dialog and to understand the trade-offs of various decisions in terms of economic, environmental, and neighborhood character impacts
- If you have a question ask it

Hands-on Exercise Introduction

- Charrette participants will be separate into 4 work groups based on the color of dot on their name tag
- Two groups will be initially focused on circulation and access, and two groups will be initially focused on building types and neighborhood transitions.
- Each group will gather around a table with base data, a facilitator, and a recorder.
- After 45 minutes at a table, participants will move to the next subject table, i.e. circulation and access to building types and transitions or vice versa.
- This structure will allow each participant the greatest possible opportunity to provide input on circulation and access, as well as building types and neighborhood transitions, and will help keep the discussions focused to specific issues.
- Facilitators will report to the larger group on the input received in the break-outs so we all have the benefit of hearing what was said by all.

Topic #1 – Access, Circulation and Site Features

Goal: Engage participants in dialog and receive community input on the preliminary vehicular and pedestrian access and circulation concept, important site features, both on the site itself and within the neighborhood, as well as alternative design approaches.

Data and resources provided: Diagram showing the site in the context of the neighborhood, preliminary site circulation and access concept, aerial photograph of the site, trace paper and markers.

Consultant role: Present and describe preliminary concept diagrams showing potential circulation and access and site features. As facilitator, help initiate dialog, assure orderly and on-topic discussion, and provide answers to questions and concerns of participants. A recorder will assure that all participant ideas and comments on preliminary concepts and alternative approaches are documented.

Community participant role:

1. Participants will mark on site diagram existing conditions they see as important to note.
2. Participants will respond to preliminary site circulation and access options presented by consultant by marking on plans and/or providing written/verbal feedback which will be recorded on flip charts.
3. Likes and dislikes with regards to access, circulation and other site features will be noted on the existing circulation diagram and the aerial can be used to sketch out alternative approaches.

Outcomes: Marked-up aerial, circulation diagram and site diagram with a written record reflecting participants' comments and ideas related to circulation and access and site features. A list of the top 3 comments/concerns and top 3 ideas/solutions will be created. Participant input will be used by design team to refine preliminary concepts and present initial recommendations at the report out session the following day.

Topic #2 - Building Types and Neighborhood Transitions

Goal: Engage participants in dialog and receive community input on potential residential building types, design features, site transitions and their relationship to existing neighborhood character. Discuss the trade-offs in terms of City housing goals, applicant objectives and neighborhood concerns. Achieve informed consent for a specific housing proposal on this site, or at minimum recommendations for a viable project that has the broadest practicable base of support.

Data and resources provided: Diagram showing the site in the context of the neighborhood, preliminary site plan concept, examples from the Residential Infill Housing Toolkit showing a variety of relevant housing types, aerial photograph of the site, trace paper and markers.

Consultant role: Present preliminary concept site plan and provide a brief overview of housing types presented on boards. As facilitator, the consultant will help initiate dialog, assure orderly and on-topic discussion, and provide answers to questions and concerns of participants. A recorder will assure that all participant ideas and comments are recorded.

Community participant role:

1. Participants will mark on the site diagram provided key neighborhood features and transitions they see as important to note.
2. Participants will respond to preliminary site plan concept presented by the consultant by marking on the preliminary site plan and the aerial of the site.
3. Likes and dislikes with regards to housing types and locations will be noted on the existing concept site plan and the aerial can be used to sketch out alternative approaches.
4. Written/verbal feedback on the site plan and potential building types and site transitions will be recorded on flip charts.
5. Participant comments on desired site density will be recorded.

Outcomes: Marked-up aerial and preliminary concept site plan and written record reflecting participants' comments and ideas in regards to building types and neighborhood transitions. A list of the top 3 comments/concerns and top 3 ideas/solutions will be created. Participant input will be used by design team to refine preliminary concepts and present initial recommendations at the report out session the following day.