

# Code and Character Taskforce

April 15, 2008 – Notes

Mayor's Boardroom, City Hall

**Called to Order: 3:30pm**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Baumgarten, Brian Evans, Darby Watson, Jim Bishop, Liz Jennings, Danne Neill, Nick Hartrich, Ted Mischaikov, Allen Matsumoto

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Stewart, Nicole Oliver, Linda Stewart, Marilyn Vogel, Chris Koch, and Heather Aven

**MOTION:** Approve the notes.

Nicole reported that 50 citizens will be attending the Planning Academy. She pointed out that Mark Hinshaw's book "*True Urbanism*" might be given to each of the attendees, and used throughout the academy for homework and discussion. She passed the list around the group and encouraged the members to talk with anyone they do not see listed. Nicole proposed that Dave Christensen be invited to come in and talk at the last meeting to help facilitate a discussion about feedback.

Marilyn referenced the glossary of terms the group received, and pointed out that they are general terms for the purpose of discussion – and that these are not part of the code at this time. She commented that this could be clarified at the planning academy.

### *Add to Glossary of Terms*

- Density Clarification
- Ownership Types

There was a discussion about how to present the likely occupant of different housing types. Many members cautioned against categorizing "owners" versus "renters".

Tim clarified that changes to the code will happen through several steps. He stated that first, information will be gathered at the Planning Academy and staff will put together proposals for initiation. He pointed out that once initiated, the proposals will be sent to the Planning Academy attendees and the Planning Commission for comment and feedback. He stated that once Planning Commission has heard the proposal and the comments from the community, they will make their final recommendations to the City Council for approval or denial.

The taskforce agreed that a set of "ground rules" or a "process map" be given to the attendees in an effort to elevate some potential concerns about what can and can not happen right away in the neighborhoods.

It was suggested that the community receive information about what the benefits are to the neighborhood or the community as a whole, if density is provided for. Darby handed out the examples of the tear sheets that will be handed out at the Planning Academy, and shared the PowerPoint that Mark Hinshaw will be presenting. The group agreed that during the presentation, some of the code barriers that currently exist (relating to the current housing form) should be stated in an effort to help the community understand some of the changes that will be happening to the code.

There was some discussion on improvements that could be made to the PowerPoint to make it more appealing to the community that will be attending. The group felt strongly that it should be made clear the intent of the proposed infill is to compliment the single-family

**Suggestions of areas to include in the PowerPoint:**

- Lincoln Street
- Fairhaven
- Co-housing
- Fountain District - Art Deco Area
- KCLT Webpage