



DATE: February 10, 2006

TO: City Council
Planning Commissioners

SUBJECT: Project Update: January 14, 2006 through February 10, 2006

Update on Land Use Element and Circulation Element progress through February 10, 2006:

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Zoning Code-User interviews conducted by the project consultants (Michael Dyett, Vivian Kahn and Leslie Gould of Dyett & Bhatia) were held on February 9 and 10 at the Main Library. The consultants met with more than 50 people, including a cross-section of community members who have had experience with the Zoning Ordinance and City staff from five departments whose work overlaps with the development process. Information gathered in these two days will be added to information already provided and still being gathered by staff. In addition to the meetings, opportunities for written input have been provided and some suggestions have been received and forwarded.

PROJECT COORDINATION

- Project team meetings were held weekly throughout the month.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Adjustments are being made to the work plan and schedule in order to incorporate concerns expressed at the January 24 Council meeting. Staff is preparing a public outreach program that will build upon previous public engagement efforts and validate the goals expressed in that process. Staff continues to work on developing a series of workshops for public evaluation of options (alternatives). Additional information will be provided in a Council Information Item, with copies to the Planning Commission.
- Work on Phase I of the Zoning Ordinance (Identifying Strategies, Background Studies and Preliminary Outlines) continues with no changes to the previously released schedule.

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