

SUMMARY REPORT
Sustainability Commission Meeting
March 15, 2011

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm by acting Vice Chair Caroline Arnold. Dan Schweitzer arrived late and assumed the Chair from that point on in the meeting.

Roll Call: Caroline Arnold, Daniel Schweitzer, Theodore Newman, Alyssum Kellogg

Staff: Gary Locke, Community Development Director

Review of Meeting Summary Report of February 15, 2011: Theo Newman made a motion to approve the summary report from February. The motion was seconded by Tami Roberts and was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Public Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS

The discussion of housing issues facing the City continued. Gary gave some background on the current issues and status related to the Edward's project (on South Lincoln Street) and mentioned that the concept of an Overlay District was being discussed later this evening and had been sent out to the joint Board's and Commissions. Caroline Arnold had questions concerning utilities and impacts on the surrounding area and Gary summarized what the City had asked Edward's to look at in these respects and what we would be asking other developers to evaluate with regard to traffic and sanitary sewer capacity.

Gary then moved into a powerpoint presentation of the first part of several discussions related the development of a housing policy. The first part of the discussion will focus on existing conditions with regard to the housing stock in the city. He reviewed the various issues facing existing housing and some of the changes that had taken place in the market over recent years. Some of these characteristics will impact where the City goes in the future with its policies. There were questions about some of the points raised in Gary's presentation including a question from Dan regarding how the proximity of the housing to the University impacts the market. In response, Gary affirmed that this was a significant issue and that the market tended to put more pressure for student housing closer to the University.

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Gary completed the presentation by identifying potential areas of decision that will need to be decided as well as “Givens” that he felt were relevant to the discussion. He closed by stating that he hoped that the presentation gave the members of the Commission some new perspectives on what issues were being faced and how existing conditions influence that discussion. There will be additional discussion in the coming months both with the Sustainability Commission and the other relevant City Board’s and Commissions.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan gave a brief summary of his discussions with resident Rick Hawksley. Mr. Hawksley had contacted him and discussed his concerns with regard to the Commission needing to consider further evaluation of the sustainability indicators and how the University might be able to assist with this (nothing specific was proposed). Mr. Hawksley also shared some of his concerns with regard to the Edward’s project and its design and potential impact on the surrounding area. No action was taken with regard to this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING:

May 10, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:50 pm.