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Good morning Olivia and Lisa -

Grant NA is in the process of responding to the consolidated application for 905/925 Cottage. We do not think that the May 4th, 2020 Open House for the rezoning of these properties to Commercial Office satisfies their public engagement obligations under the SRC for their new consolidated application. We are raising this issue now rather than having it buried in our letter.

We think the applicant should be required to hold an open house that includes all of the information they know about the project now, rather than relying on an open house whose information is no longer relevant to their project. The code also requires a new open house.

Specifically, SRC 320.300(b)(2):

"[w]hen multiple land use applications are consolidated into a single application and one or more of the applications involved include a requirement for an open house and the other applications require a combination of neighborhood association contact or no neighborhood association contact, the entire consolidated application shall require an open house. (emphasis added)

In this case, the original Open House only presented to the public the actions related to the original Commercial Office rezoning. The project is a now a consolidated application that includes a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment, Neighborhood Plan Map Amendment, Zone Change, Site Plan Review, Adjustment, and Design Review Case. When a group of actions like this are consolidated, the code requires that an open house be held for the entire consolidated application.

Additionally, it's not clear to us that the May 4, 2020 open house meets the 90-day requirement in 320.300(c)(1)(A), as any application would have to have been accepted by August 2, 2020 for that open house to be valid. We did not receive official notice about the project until August 17, 2020.

The applicant was given a month's notice to attend our August 6th meeting and refused to show up and explain the changes to the project. We get questions - daily - about what is going on with this project from our neighbors. The obligation of the applicant to inform the public about their plans is not a mere clerical box to be checked - it is captured at every level of the planning process and should not be waived in this or any other case where it is clearly required.

Thanks, Paul Tigan Land Use Chair

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