

April 28, 2009

Parks and Recreation Board Resolution on Waterfront Overlay Task Force Recommendations

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Board reviews and makes recommendations to Planning Commission and City Council regarding site plans in the Waterfront Overlay, specifically those requesting a variance from the Waterfront Overlay Combining District Regulations;

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Board supported and encouraged the appointment of the Waterfront Overlay Taskforce to evaluate and make recommendations regarding potential inconsistencies and ambiguities in the Waterfront Overlay;

Whereas, after a nine-month public process devoted to reviewing relevant provisions of the Land Development Code, the Waterfront Overlay Taskforce presented its final recommendation to the City Council on December 18, 2008;

Whereas, the City Council subsequently directed the City Manager to process code amendments necessary to implement recommendations #1, 2, 3 and 5 in the Executive Summary of the Waterfront Overlay Taskforce Final Report;

Whereas, the draft ordinance brought forward by city staff is consistent with the recommendations of the Waterfront Overlay Taskforce with the exception that Planned Unit Development (PUD) District and Planned Development Agreement (PDA) Combining District regulations would allow the Waterfront Overlay maximum height limits to be superseded; and

Whereas, recommendation #3 of the Executive Summary states that "the subdistrict maximum heights should be reinstated to the waterfront overlay ordinance and they should supersede any other provisions of the Land Development Code";

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends approval of the draft ordinance with the addition of a code amendment clarifying that PUDs and PDAs may not supersede the reinstated Waterfront Overlay maximum height limits.

Be it further resolved, that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that publicly accessible open space and parks be a high priority community benefit when bonus provisions are drafted.