

Obstacles to Small Businesses Meeting #3: February 20, 2015

*Reflects questions that received a high number of votes for "were addressed in today's discussion"			*Reflects questions that received a high number of votes in both categories		
*Reflects questions received a high number of votes for "are still important"					
How might we	Heard relevant best practice information today	Still relevant	How might we	Heard relevant best practice information today	Still relevant
Make a plan to help everyone come to the table?	1	2	Change the dynamic between businesses and neighbors from reactive to cooperative and proactive?	0	4
Create some certainty in the code for everyone?	2	3	Allow for the transition between what we're doing now and the new code?	0	2
Streamline the process for businesses?	0	3	Create more tolerance in our community?	0	1
Find project managers for small businesses?	0	1	Manage overlap between our current code with future code?	0	2
Create some predictability?	3	3	Allow for ample time to bring everyone up to speed?	0	2
Encourage flexibility for adaptive reuse?	1	1	Allow "by right" variations in the code to allow small businesses to rehab and re-use?	1	3
Encourage alternative compliance decision more clearly and more manageable for staff?	1	3	Target and educate pockets of our community who are unaware of what the new code requires (or that we are in the process of updating our code)?	0	2
Allow unique character of neighborhoods to be preserved but also allow for small businesses to flourish?	2	2	Amnesty a broader range of businesses (not just those before 1986)?	1	2

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Can we get NIMBYs to become YIMBYs?	0	3	Add a new chapter to encourage development as it relates to small businesses?	0	1
Take into consideration the redevelopment of dangerous buildings to provide for incentives as a benefit?	0	1	Prototype some of these neighborhoods to better understand how they work and how to fine tune?	1	1
Create more predictable timelines for reviews for small businesses?	1	4	Encourage the systems at the City in place that are working to continue in support of small businesses?	1	2
Allocate resources to ensure compliance goals are achieved to help small business?	0	1	Protect small, independent, local, iconic businesses?	0	3
Provide for online permit processes for small business?	0	3	Encourage utility reviewers to review small business applications more quickly?	1	2
Encourage the legal department to review small business applications more quickly?	0	3	Create a system that translates the code to be scaled to the size of the business?	1	3
Define a small business?	1	1			