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Dear Property Owner and/or Resident:

In response to a request from the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association (OWDNA), the Planning Department is working with your neighborhood to develop a Neighborhood Protection Overlay (NPO). An NPO is a zoning tool that helps preserve the established character of existing neighborhoods. It builds upon the current zoning regulations by overlaying added protections desired by the neighborhood.

On January 31st, a “Kick-Off” Community Workshop for this project was held at E.K. Powe Elementary School. At that meeting, a vast majority of workshop participants expressed support for moving forward with the process. The next step is to begin identifying regulatory topics for possible inclusion in an NPO. To this end, the Planning Department and the OWDNA will be co-hosting a second Community Workshop on **Tuesday, May 23, 2017** from **7:00pm to 8:30pm** at **E.K. Powe Elementary School** in the **Media Center (Second Floor)**. The purpose of this second Community Workshop is to:

- Provide a status update of the NPO project;
- Learn about specific regulatory tools that could be utilized to address neighborhood concerns about new development; and
- Solicit input about what regulatory tools an NPO should include and what tools it should not include.

At this time, no recommendations or regulations have been drafted. However, based upon the input provided at the first public workshop, various regulatory topics have been identified and will be discussed at this workshop. OWDNA Board Members and Planning Staff will be on hand to present information, listen to concerns, and answer questions.

Further information on the project can be found on the City’s website: <https://durhamnc.gov/3006/Old-West-Durham-Neighborhood-Protection->. You are also invited to share your thoughts via a short online questionnaire that can be accessed on this website. Should you desire a paper copy of the questionnaire, please contact me and one will be provided.

Lastly, a map of the NPO study area is enclosed in this envelope for your reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or need additional information. I can be reached at (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271 or via email at matthew.filter@durhamnc.gov.

I hope to see you at the meeting on May 23rd!

Sincerely,

Matthew Filter
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SUMMARY

WHAT: Community Workshop #2 - Old West Durham Neighborhood Protection Overlay Project

WHEN: Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm

WHERE: E.K. Powe Elementary School – Media Center (Second Floor)
913 Ninth Street
Durham, NC 27705

WHY: Provide input on the development of a Neighborhood Protection Overlay for your neighborhood