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Old West Durham – Neighborhood Protection Overlay Workshop #3 Summary November 8, 2017

BACKGROUND

A third community workshop for the Old West Durham Neighborhood Protection Overlay (NPO) project was held at E.K. Powe Elementary School on November 8, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Roughly 100 community members attended. Of the 86 people that submitted completed worksheets, 74.4% identified themselves as property owners in the project area.

On January 31st and May 23rd of 2017, two public workshops were held at E.K. Powe Elementary School to discuss development of a NPO for Old West Durham. At these meetings, residents expressed support for developing a NPO and identified various regulatory tools for exploration. Based upon feedback heard at these public meetings and other neighborhood outreach efforts, the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association (OWDNA), with technical support from the City-County Planning Department, developed draft regulations for discussion by the neighborhood. The third workshop presented a draft NPO for comment, building upon the feedback received at the previous two workshops. The purpose of the third workshop was to:



The meeting was attended by roughly 100 people and held at a neighborhood elementary school.

- Provide a status update of the NPO project;
- Review draft regulations authored by the OWDNA;
- Identify any concerns about the draft regulations and gauge neighborhood support for different proposals; and
- Outline next steps for the project, including the public hearing and adoption process.

The workshop began with a presentation from the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association and the City-County Planning Department. Participants then were invited to visit five interactive stations (with poster boards) where they learn more about the different draft components of the NPO. All attendees were provided with a worksheet where they could show their support or disapproval of different components and share any ideas or concerns that they might have.

The following is a summary of written comments received. It is important to note that the comments are not the recommendations of the City-County Planning Department, but ideas and concerns shared by the Old West Durham community.

RESULTS: SUPPORT FOR FIVE NPO COMPONENTS

Workshop participants completed a worksheet that asked whether or not they supported each of the five main components of the NPO. Space was also provided for the participant to write down additional comments they may have for particular components. Planning staff collected the worksheets and have summarized the responses for each of the five components below into three categories:

- **Support:** Respondent selected “yes” (support) on their worksheet.
- **Could Support:** Respondent selected “no” (do not support) on their worksheet, but noted that they *could* support it with some modification. An example is a respondent selecting “no” on the proposed 30% FAR, but noting that if it was 35%, they would support it.
- **Do Not Support:** Respondent selected “no” (do not support) and gave no indication that they could support either the existing or modified regulation.

<i>Component</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Could Support</i>	<i>Do Not Support</i>
Primary & Accessory Structure Bulk (FAR)	69.8%	16.3%	14.0%
Primary & Accessory Structure Height	72.1%	8.1%	19.8%
Lot Dimensions	82.6%	1.2%	16.3%
Trees	83.7%	1.2%	15.1%
Vehicular Use & Off-Street Parking	83.7%	2.3%	14.0%
<i>Note: 86 participants completed the worksheet.</i>			