



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 23.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 25, 2010

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

SUBJECT:

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BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted after Meeting - PowerPoint Presentation by Deputy City Manager Jim Nichols

Minutes:

MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, introduced DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JIM NICHOLS, who gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the on-going Development Review Process (DRP).

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER NICHOLS indicated that during the past two decades the City has been going through rapid growth, but there was no opportunity to review the process. Recently, the Building and Safety Director requested his own departmental review include ways to improve efficiencies in his department, and include other departments involved in the development process. The City contracted Kirchhoff & Associates to conduct a study to look at how to improve the efficiency analysis.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER NICHOLS summarized the slides regarding Study Methodologies, Assessment, Findings Summary, Core Problems Identified, Goals, and Steps in Process. He indicated a web page was created on the City's website dedicated exclusively to this project, where the full report can be found. He added that this is a long process, but he hopes that by the end of this year, a significant improvement will be seen in the process as gauged by customers and staff.

COMMISSIONER TROWBRIDGE was appreciative of DEPUTY CITY MANAGER NICHOLS' initiative. Streamlining the process is necessary because he is familiar with developers who have lost a lot of money due to delays in the development application process.

COMMISSIONER EVANS agreed with COMMISSIONER TROWBRIDGE'S comments. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT advised that it would be appropriate to acknowledge the report and put an item on a future Planning Commission agenda for discussion and questions.

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CHAIR TRUESDELL stated that he received positive feedback from the people that participated in the study who felt this is a great opportunity to work with the City on how to move forward. The encouragement of customer-base mindset, in this economic climate, is a golden opportunity for the City to shine. He encouraged MS. WHEELER to put the item on the agenda for discussion and further input.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER NICHOLS wanted to ensure the Planning Commission had the information before the process is presented to the development community. CHAIR TRUSDELL suggested the topic be discussed during the Planning Commission workshop.

MS. WHEELER indicated that the form-based code process has been in progress for a year. An item on the next Planning Commission agenda will propose amendments to Title 19.18, which pertain to the Applications and Procedures.

TODD FARLOW, Las Vegas resident, commended staff on the wonderful job it did on the trails along Nellis Boulevard. MS. WHEELER recognized TOM PERRIGO, Deputy Director of Administrative Services, as the primary leader on the Las Vegas Wash Trail project. It will be a major regional asset.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk