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Planning and Zoning Commission

2009 Summary Report

Summary of 2009

While development activity was down in 2009 due to the current economic conditions, the Planning and Zoning Commission nonetheless reviewed a considerable number of applications. A total of 68 applications were considered by the Commission with 53 being approved and 6 being denied. The Commission heard 2 concept plans and 3 informal applications.

The following table provides a summary of the Commission's actions by case type during 2009, along with a comparison to Planning's recommendation for each case.

Case Type	Commission Action			Planning Recommendation		
	Approval	Disapproval	Tabled/Informal	Approval	Disapproval	
Administrative	5	0	0	7	0	
Informal/Concept Plan	0	0	5	5	0	
Rezoning/PDP	10	1	0	10	1	
Final Development Plan	3	2	2	4	1	
Amended Final Development Plan	19	3	2	24	0	
Conditional Use	6	0	0	6	0	
Corridor Development District	Misc.	4	0	1	5	1
	Signs	3	0	0	3	0
Plats	Preliminary	0	0	0	0	0
	Final	3	0	1	4	0
Total by type		53	6	9	68	3
TOTALS			68		71	

Note: 3 applications were postponed without action.

Other 2009 Highlights

Outgoing and New Commission Members

Vice Chair Flite Freimann left the Commission in 2009 due to his family moving out of Dublin. Mr. Freimann could be counted on to contribute valuable insights and thoughtful judgment to the Dublin planning and zoning process. Mr. Taylor most capably took over the Vice Chair position vacated by Mr. Freimann.

The open position on the Commission was filled by John Hardt, who as a Vice President and Senior Project Architect for Karlsberger Architecture in Columbus brings valuable experience from the "other side of the dais" to his position as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner. Mr. Hardt was instrumental in guiding the Dublin Methodist Hospital through the planning and zoning process.

Training

Land Use and Long Range Planning had the opportunity to collaborate with City Council, the City Manager's office and the Law Director's office on the first annual Board and Commission training, which was held in March. This training for all City Boards and Commissions allowed the opportunity for all members to meet each other and become more familiar with the different types of boards and commissions in the City of Dublin. The training covered such topics as Ex Parte contact, meeting procedures, proper record keeping, conflict of interest, and resulted in a request for updated Rules and Regulations, which the Commission diligently reviewed and revised during 2009.

Planning also conducted training on signs in the city, with a focus on highlighting the differences between standard zoning districts and the Zoning Code, signs approved as part of Planned Districts, the Corridor Development District sign review process and the unique nature of signs in the Historic District. Planning also had the opportunity to outline the development review and application intake procedures with the Commission, focusing on highlighting the collaboration between the different city departments and the involvement of Planners in the review of potential applications long before they are on file with the city.

Many Commission members and Planners were able to attend the 2009 APA National Conference in Minneapolis and we all had a great roundtable discussion following the conference. Commissioners and Planners shared their "take homes", highlighted particularly relevant sessions, as well as some that might not have been so relevant to Dublin, but quite interesting and cutting edge nonetheless.

Land Use Principles

A unique and collaborative training opportunity in 2009 was the Land Use Principles presentations. Teams of Commissioners and Planners researched and discussed what the 10 Land Use Principles in the Community Plan mean to them, how they can best be implemented and how they are relevant to development in Dublin. The findings were shared in presentations to the Commission. We had a lot of fun working with you to create the presentations and to exchange impressions and knowledge with one another and we hope you did too!

Annual Items

The 2009 Board and Commission training also introduced the idea of a List of Annual Items for each board or commission to work on with City staff as directed by Council. The Commission had many great ideas, and this being the first year this list was instituted, the generation of the list did not quite get off without a

hitch. In the end, the Commission forwarded a final list, with 3 very unique, multi-faceted, and mutually agreed upon topics to City Council to be reviewed by the Community Development Committee. Pending approval by Council, Planning is preparing to provide the Commission with training and opportunities to address the items on their list. Other topics for training initially considered for inclusion on the list can certainly be picked up throughout the year for discussion.

Bridge Street Corridor Study Participation

In addition to attending and preparing for the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings throughout the year, the Commissioners dedicated their time to a number of "extra-curricular" planning activities. In the summer of 2009, the Bridge Street Corridor Study kicked off, with the consulting team meeting on several occasions with members of the Planning and Zoning Commission to obtain their unique perspective regarding their visions for the future of Dublin, particularly in the Bridge Street Corridor and the Historic District. Commission members also attended the Bridge Street Corridor Study Speaker Series to learn more about national demographic and market trends and what they mean for the future of communities like Dublin. As the Bridge Street Corridor Study continues toward completion in 2010, the Commission members will have more opportunities to contribute their valuable insight to this important planning effort.

Looking Forward to 2010

Similar to last year, Planning is looking forward to providing the Commission with training and facilitating discussion as included on the Annual Items of Interest List or other topics as identified throughout the year. In addition, Planning will play a major role in studies around the city, including completing the Hyland-Croy Road Character Study, the Multi-Modal Transportation Study, and the Bridge Street Corridor Study. The My Neighborhood Project Walkabouts will continue this spring and summer, and Planning is supporting the Bicycle Advisory Task Force on their endeavors throughout this year. Input and participation from the Commission is appreciated regarding these studies and projects.

Thank you as always for dedicating your time as Planning and Zoning Commissioners. You perform an invaluable function to the City's planning and zoning process and we appreciate the time you take to prepare, evaluate, deliberate and act on applications before you attend each meeting.