

## **CLARIFICATIONS to CITIZENS' INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS**

Comments by Loren Dickinson dated January 11, 2022

Clarifications January 12, 2022

I wish to clarify that in my January 11<sup>th</sup> comments, I am NOT advocating two completely separate **City-Wide** CIC's:

### **I. PLANNING PROCESS CIC** (under the Planning Commission)

The Planning Commission would function **as it currently does**. There are currently sufficient opportunities for public input, and for the public to be fully informed about a planning-related issue.

The only difference would be the creation of an internal Planning Commission CIC, whose tasks would be:

1. Planning, advertising and facilitating any additional public sessions (information and public input) that may be deemed necessary or appropriate beyond the normal Regular Session and Hearing Process functions for **Planning related** issues (code & ordinance creation, use permits, variances, etc.).
2. Codify this process as required.

### **II. CITY-WIDE CIC/CCI** (under the City Council)

The City-Wide CIC would be tasked with disseminating information and soliciting public input, as described in my January 11<sup>th</sup> comments, for all subjects **not related to Planning actions**.

The only exceptions to this would be:

1. When a proposed code or ordinance has been passed on to the City Council by the Planning Commission for City Council action.
2. When a Planning Commission action (use permit, variances, etc.) has been appealed to the City Council by the applicant.

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**WHY:**

The formal actions of the Planning Commission, for Planning related items such as code and ordinance creation, use permits, variances, etc., should remain within the Planning Commission Regular Session or Hearing processes until passed on to the City Council, or appealed by an applicant.

This DOES mean that the Planning Commission may be taking on more issues that are clearly planning-related, than the Commission currently does.

The City Council, as ultimate authority, is in the best position to coordinate all of the various commissions and agencies.

The City-wide CIC, if under the City Council, could be achieved by some relatively simple changes to the structure of the Commission Chairs meeting process.

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