

Community Meeting October 21, 2019

Fourth community meeting after the first public hearing

Attendees

Public: Jessica McDuffie-Massey, Irwin Venick, Susan Schipani, Martha Stinson, John TeSelle, Lindsey Moffatt, Bill Wiggins, Rowland Stebbins, Blaine Bonadies

Staff: Melissa Baldock, Paul Hoffman

Commissioners: Elizabeth Mayhall

Councilmember: Burkley Allen and Tom Cash

Discussion Points

- Many expressed concern that any change is happening to the design guidelines and not enough outreach has been done to neighborhoods.
- There were comments that making language which is now italicized part of the design guidelines makes the guidelines less flexible. Some prefer the vagueness of the design guidelines.
- One attendee stated that she personally thinks that reviewing the removal of siding is a good thing, but wants to know what many more homeowners think.
- Many expressed the idea that every neighborhood is different and should be treated differently. Each neighborhood should have the opportunity to choose what changes they do and don't like in the revisions, and have that reflected in the individual chapters of Part II of the guidelines.
- There were questions about the process, and MHZC staff explained that if the Commission votes to adopt the design guidelines on November 20th or at a future date, they could go into effect immediately. It is also possible that the Commission would set a transition period and have the guidelines go into effect at a future date. However, the Commission voting to adopt the revised guidelines is the final step in the process.
- It was suggested that since the creation of the district went to Metro Council for vote, then the revisions to the design guidelines should be voted on by Metro Council.
- At least one attendee liked that the Outbuilding Plan Book provided more flexibility than the current design guidelines.
- One attendee thought that each individual neighborhood should decide if they want the Outbuilding Plan Book.