

Development Advisory Group Minutes September 4, 2014

Attending the meeting were Steve Kazay, Tony Wallace, Mike Morris, Bobby Gaines, Lance Hornbuckle, Alan Hand, Sammi Areola, Barry Quinn, Al Thomas, Amy Burch, Stephen Brown, Rick Blackburn, Robin Ziegler, Bill Bissell, Bee Ling Chang, Gail McQuiston, Brandon Burnette, Devin Doyle, Scott McCormick, Roger Lindsey, Tom Palko, John Kennedy, Terry Cobb, Wade Hill, Brady Rich, Kim Minton and Mary Ellen Jackson.

John Kennedy welcomed those attending to the first meeting of the Development Advisory Group. This group was created to provide a venue for members of the development community and representatives of various Metropolitan Government Departments' to communicate more effectively.

Terry Cobb stated that for over 4 decades there had been discussion about the creation of a "One Stop Shop" to provide more efficient service to the community. Mayor Karl Dean supported the concept and instructed the various departments to develop a plan to accomplish this. At that time, a customer might be required to go to 11 different locations to permit new construction or renovation. The Development Services Center was opened for business in December of 2013. 173 metro employees were relocated and the entire Metro Office Building was reloaded to provide the customer the ability to come to one place to permit construction.

Roger Lindsey stated the intent, in structuring this group, was to assemble representatives of all departments represented in the DSC and a broad representation of our customers from the general public. This group also represents the consolidation of two former MWS community groups, the Trades Advisory Council and the Stormwater Advisory Council. The objective continues to be to provide a forum for input for all customers, with the overall objective of making it easier to do business with the Metropolitan Government. Mary Ellen Jackson, MWS and Brady Rich, Metro Codes, will function as general points of contact for issues related to the DAG including topics for the agenda and general communication regarding future meetings.

Wade Hill gave an update on the Citiworks software project scheduled to go live in January of 2015. This will replace the present KIVA permitting system providing the same service but will be more user friendly. It will include an electronic plans review system including option of submittal of plans in PDF and Adobe Acrobat. This will replace Buzzsaw. This new system will be "mapcentric" as well. We will be asking customers to help test the system.

Brady Rich asked that members submit topics for future agenda items. The meetings will be scheduled quarterly at 10:00a.m. in the DSC conference room on the first floor of the Metro Office Building. Email notifications will be sent.

Rick Blackburn and Lance Hornbuckle talked about the benefits of the previous groups and encouraged everyone to attend and participate.

Group suggestions included inviting representatives of the top ten Codes' customers to be a part of this group. Improvements in the excavation permit issuance were discussed as well.

The group was offered a tour of the facility.