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DATE: February 28, 2020
TO: Portland Design Commission
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CC: DOZA Project Team
SUBJECT: Design Overlay Zone Amendments (DOZA) – Work Session #6: List of Amendments

On March 12, BPS will return to Design Commission for its sixth work session. The purpose of this work session is to confirm the List of Amendments (attached) to the *Design Overlay Zone Amendments, Volume 3: Portland Citywide Design Guidelines Proposed Draft*.

Because there are so many amendments, we won't discuss each one. Please review the list to determine if there are any items that need further clarity or items that are missing from this list. For the work session, BPS will walk through the items on the list that are highlighted as "**Discuss with 3x3**," and any other item that Commissioners flag for discussion.

Why are these amendments highlighted?

As you are aware, the Design Overlay Zone Amendments proposal includes two tools for carrying out the Design overlay zone: the *Portland Citywide Design Guidelines* and the Design Standards (proposed in *Volume 2: Code & Map Amendments*, pp. 36-71). These tools both use the three tenets of design (Build on **Context**, Contribute to the **Public Realm** and Promote **Quality and Resilience**) as a foundation. They are intended to follow a parallel structure to encourage the best possible result – the design *guidelines* use *qualitative* criteria and the design *standards* use *quantitative* criteria.

The charge of the 3x3 (three Design Commissioners and three Planning and Sustainability Commissioners) is to reconcile the differences between the two tools to ensure that they each carry out the purpose statement and to ensure that there is reasonable parity between the guidelines and standards. Because the design guidelines have been the subject of work sessions with the Design Commission (the recommending body for the guidelines) and the design standards have been the



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subject of work sessions with the PSC (the recommending body for the Zoning Code – including the design standards), it is time to bring the 3x3 together to reconcile any differences or gaps between the guidelines and standards. On March 13 and 16, the 3x3 will convene to do this work.

What amendments are highlighted?

There are 24 items highlighted on the List of Amendments. They fall within 18 categories (A-R) for discussion with the 3x3:

General	A. Purpose Statement	Quality and Resilience	J. Universally Designed Features
	B. Delete Guideline 01		K. Zero-lot-line furnishing
	C. Public Participation		L. Utilities
	D. Future work		M. Bike Parking
Context	E. Define “Adjacent”	Quality and Resilience	N. Equitable Access
	F. Historic Landmarks vs. historic buildings		O. Project Concept
Public Realm	G. Blank Walls	Quality and Resilience	P. Materials
	H. Oriel Windows		Q. Resilience
	I. Weather Protection		R. Adaptability

These items reflect direction from Design Commission for the design guidelines that either has implications for the design standards or the specific features are not addressed in the design standards. The work session on March 12 will be an opportunity for the Design Commission to give direction to their fellow Commissioners (Commissioners Livingston, Molinar and Robinson) to discuss with the 3x3 on these highlighted items. This March 12 work session will also be a chance for the Design Commission to confirm that this list reflects the amendments discussed in previous work sessions for staff to carry out the next iteration.

Note that the amendments on the List related to Amended Photos refers to the Amended Photo Pages for Discussion (attached) discussed at our last work session, not the *Volume 3: Portland Citywide Design Guidelines Proposed Draft*.

Thank you for your time and attention on this project. We’ve come a long way together!

Attachments:

- List of Amendments to the *Design Overlay Zone Amendments, Volume 3: Portland Citywide Design Guidelines Proposed Draft*
- Amended Photo Pages for Discussion (Excerpt of *Portland Citywide Design Guidelines Proposed Draft*), 02.13.20

