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DATE: May 15, 2020

TO: Planning and Sustainability Commission

FROM: Sallie Edmunds, Central City, River and Environmental Planning Manager

CC: Andrea Durbin, Joe Zehnder, Debbie Bischoff, Jeff Caudill, Mindy Brooks

SUBJECT: River Plan/South Reach Material for the May 12, 2020 Work session

City staff are pleased to be coming back to you for a work session on May 26, 2020 to continue to discuss potential amendments to the River Plan / South Reach and for a final decision on the *River Plan/South Reach Proposed Draft*. See the draft agenda on page 3.

As you will recall, you held a hearing on February 25 and work sessions on March 10 and May 12. During those sessions the PSC indicated interest in hearing more about or discussing amendments related to a variety of items. The topics discussed to date include the following:

- Brooklyn river access
- Trails
- Size of regulated trees in the river setback
- Floodplains and the NFIP Biological Opinion
- Riverbank stabilization
- Waverley Country Club
- Vegetation and scenic views
- River setback
- Enforcement in Parks
- Residential Docks
- Ross Island Sand and Gravel
- Boating regulations (OSMB process)
- Macadam Character Statement



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Follow up from May 12: Letter to Design Commission

At your meeting on May 12, you took a straw poll to approve an amended draft Character Statement for the Macadam Corridor area and to forward it on to the Design Commission. Staff is in the process of drafting a transmittal letter and will forward it to Chair Spevak for his consideration. The Design Commission public hearing is currently scheduled for July 16, 2020.

Recommended Procedure for May 26

We would like to follow the same procedure that we did last time. For each of the topics listed on the following agenda, staff has prepared a Decision Table containing one or more amendments staff supports - and also some that staff recommends against. Included in the amendments are proposed code language for items we previously discussed in a conceptual manner.

Staff has already indicated (with a check mark in second to the right column) the items we expect to discuss at the meeting. If there are any un-checked items you would like to discuss, please try to let us before the meeting (ideally by end of day Thursday, May 21, 2020) so we can add them to our discussion list. Staff recommends that the PSC do one straw poll on all of the remaining unchecked (non-discussion) items. If you support the unchecked items that means that you support staff's recommendation. Then staff recommends going through the discussion items one by one, straw polling on each.

After review of all discussion items, staff will ask the PSC for a motion to approve the *River Plan/South Reach Proposed Draft* as amended that day and recommend forwarding it to the City Council for a public hearing and final action.

ATTACHMENTS

Table C: Tribal Engagement and Collaboration Amendments

Table B: Recreation Amendments (continued)

Table E: Miscellaneous Zoning Code and Text Amendments

Memo on Zoning Code Changes to Proposed Draft



Draft Agenda for May 26, 2020 (and associated materials)

- 1. Introduction/Review Agenda/Review Procedure**
- 2. Topic C: Tribal Engagement and Collaboration (Table C provided)**
 - Table C: Tribal Engagement and Collaboration Amendments**
 - Archaeological Resources Code**
 - Straw Poll**
- 3. Homelessness discussion (Materials to be sent next week)**
- 4. Topic B: Recreation (Table B provided. Additional materials to be sent next week)**
 - Table B: Recreation Amendments (continued)**
 - Memo B-11 (part 2): to follow up on Residential Docks (materials to be sent next week)**
 - Straw Poll**
- 5. Topic A: Watershed Health and Resilience (**
 - Memo A-10 (part 2): to follow up on Enforcement (materials to be sent next week)**
 - Straw poll**
- 6. Topic E: Miscellaneous Zoning Code and Text Amendments (Table E provided)**
 - Table E: Miscellaneous Topics and Code**
 - Straw Poll**
- 7. Vote on *River Plan/South Reach Proposed Draft* as amended by the PSC on May 26. (Code Transmittal Memo provided)**
 - Vote**
- 8. Conclude**

