

PUBLIC WORKS DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND PERMITTING SERVICES

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Re: Public Works Development Review and Permitting Services Report

I want to express my support for the report you will receive on Wednesday as the promised update for the Public Works Permitting Colocation project you adopted in mid-2009.

The impacts of the market, the requirements of collocating staff in one place, the pressure of staff layoffs and changes, and the requirements of setting up new processes, steps, and review bodies in Public Works permitting has been a very difficult task. I think the report you will be provided shows how far those efforts have taken us despite the many unforeseen problems along the way.

Citywide Land Use Group has been involved in this process and been kept informed of the details of changes as they have gone forward.

As importantly, our role on the newly formed Appeals Panel has been useful for us and, I believe, for the panel as well. Simone Goldfeder of the SWHRL Neighborhood Association has been our representative with Maryhelen Kincaid of East Columbia Neighborhood Association acting as the alternate. They have both been active participants.

Simone has provided written reporting to the Appeals Panel about her observations of process effectiveness and role clarification needs that are supported by me and Maryhelen. Those observations have been included as a strong element of the report you receive today.

That was the intent, I think, of building a partnership requirement into the colocation work to add value and critical thinking to the effort.

Thank you for asking us to participate in this effective new approach. We look forward to continued refinement during the coming year.

Bonny McKnight
Coordinator
Citywide Land Use Group