Quality of Life Council Committee

Livable Places project update

June 23, 2021



Livable Places Action Committee

The Livable Places Action Committee is creating opportunities within our development standards that encourage housing variety and affordability.



Update on Livable Places Project

Professional Service Contract

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Topics already discussed

1

Technical Amendments 2

Conservation Districts

3

Residential Buffering

Topics currently discussing

- Single Family Residential
- Small Scale Multi-Family Residential
- ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units) or Secondary Dwelling Units

Topics to be discussed

- Density & Affordability
- Access & Multimodal Options
- Infrastructure

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Professional Service Contract

Professional Services

- Provide expertise and research on national best practices
- Bring new regulatory concepts
- Provide strategic advice
- Prepare exhibits
- Boost our public engagement efforts

Professional Services

- Maximum contract amount 400K
- Two-year contract
- Funded from special revenue funds

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Technical Amendments

Purpose

- To clarify and codify some requirements/policies
- Eliminate inconsistencies
- Help the workflow
- Limited complexity



Technical Amendments

- 1. Notification area, time period and signage
- 2. Subdivision naming standards
- 3. Identifying Floodplains on General Plans
- 4. Variances for SMLS/SMBL
- 5. Public hearing notice requirement
- 6. Time for Submittal
- 7. Street Width in Place
- 8. Nonresidential (Sec 42-193)
- 9. Temporary Access Easement for Utility Facilities

Technical Amendments

Public Engagement

LPAC Committee October 20, 2020

Planning Commission public hearing March 18, 2021

30-day comment period March 18 – April 18, 2021

Planning Commission May 27, 2021

What next?

City Council public hearing August 2021

Questions?

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For details, videos, and other materials visit project webpage at

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