



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chair Robertson and Members of the Planning Commission

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SUBJECT: Bel-Red Comprehensive Plan Amendments (08-114836-AC) and Land Use Code Amendments (07-138331-AD), and Medical Institution Land Use Code Amendments (08-114835-AD)

The June 4, 2008, study session provides the Planning Commission an opportunity review the public testimony provided for the Bel-Red public hearing. No action is requested at this meeting.

Bel-Red Public Hearing

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 28 on the draft Bel-Red Subarea Plan, related Comprehensive Plan amendments, draft Bel-Red Land Use Code sections, related Land Use Code amendments, and draft amendments to the Medical Institution district. Thirty three people testified during the hearing. Many of the speakers provided written comments and additional written comments were provided by others.

The Bel-Red Subarea is a large planning area – over 900 acres – with a range of uses and conditions, and the level of interest in the draft amendments is significant and diverse. Therefore, staff recommends a methodical process for reviewing the public comments. Copies of the written comments and verbatim transcripts of the business and property owner panel meetings are included (under separate cover) for the Commission's review. Staff is working on creating an organized list of the comments to facilitate the Commission's review with the expectation that the comments can be sorted and grouped topically and then addressed systematically. While staff is still working through all of the comments received, it is our hope that we can have an organized list for the Planning Commission's June 11 meeting.

The Commission may want to use this study session opportunity to reflect on the comments that they heard at the meeting. While additional analysis of the comments will continue, the Commission may identify areas to continue to explore or that may need additional information.

Review of the public comments will continue at the June 11 meeting and in July. Following review of the comments and the Commission's deliberation, the Commission will be asked to make a recommendation to the City Council. City Council action could occur later this fall.

Under Separate Cover

1. Collection of written comments on the draft Bel-Red Subarea Plan, Land Use Code and related amendments
2. Verbatim transcripts of the May 13, 2008, business and property owner panel meetings