

DR Reform Proposal

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DR Reform: Goals

- Reduce DRs by reducing the need for DR
 - Complete, transparent Pre-Application process
 - Improved notification process
 - Better management of plan changes: No Surprises
 - Certainty for project sponsors and neighbors
- System that does not impose more work:
 - Not additional meetings – Earlier meetings!
 - Avoid DR paperwork by documenting issues/plans

DR Reform: Pre-Application

- Enhanced Neighborhood Outreach Process (pre-311 notice)
 - Complex projects need more than 1 meeting
 - Stage 1 – Concept sketch plans/proposal: early feedback
 - Stage 2 – Draft plans (site plan, elevations, floor plans)
 - Expand to 312 (NCD), CU & variance projects as well
- Consistent notification format with 2 week notice
 - Expanded notification list: Neighborhood Association, BBN groups
 - Include Neighborhood Association contact information
- Meeting documentation to case file & participants
 - Document issues & responses w/in 1 week
 - Follow-up meetings where appropriate

2/10/2009 Change Control protocols for plans. No 311 Notice

DR Reform: Standard DCP Notices

- 311/312 notice standards for Variances & CU
 - 30 day standard notice period identified in title bar
 - Includes Neighborhood Association contact information
 - Add Historic and Environmental determination information
 - Notice to all residents and non-resident property owners
 - Require notice to residents (currently “to the extent feasible”)
- Opt-in for electronic notification/Opt-out of postal
 - Case files available on-line at Planning (.pdf format)

DR Reform: Other Improvements

- RDG Revisions
 - Required, not optional Guidelines
 - More precise standards to recognize :
 - Topography
 - Neighborhood character
 - Mid-block open space
 - Existing building patterns
- Change Control for plans
 - Cover sheet with negotiated changes
 - Contractor and DBI aware of agreements
 - Triggers for re-notification
- Planner outreach to Neighborhood Associations
 - E-mail notice of new case files, with Project Sponsor contact details
 - Regular updates to Neighborhood Organizations database