

November 21, 2019

Ms. Margaret Tulloch-Rhodes
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RE: Special GLUP Study for Courthouse West

Dear Ms. Tulloch-Rhodes:

I write this letter in accordance with the recently-updated Special General Land Use Plan (GLUP) Study Process that states after the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) meets on a Special GLUP study request, the Chairman of LRPC transmits a letter to staff with the findings of the meeting.

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, the LRPC of the Planning Commission met to hear a presentation from staff and the applicant concerning a request for a Special GLUP Study for a block in the area known as Courthouse West.

In addition to LRPC members, representatives of the adjacent civic associations had been invited to be part of the group, as well as the other property owner on the block. The civic associations were unable to send any representatives, but the other property owner, Ms. Virginia Smith, and her attorney did attend and participated. The applicant gave a brief presentation of their request to change the GLUP category from "Service Commercial" to "High" Office-Apartment-Hotel.

After discussion, the LRPC found that a study is warranted and endorsed staff's recommendation to enter into a Special GLUP Study for the site. LRPC noted that staff should and would study other zoning categories in addition to the that requested by the applicant.

The LRPC looks forward to working with staff and the applicant and community as this study goes forward.

Sincerely,
Nancy Iacomini
Chairman, Long Range Planning Commission

Cc: James Schroll, Planning Commission