

ITEM 5-B

From: Leak, Erica
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:44 AM
To: Powers, Gilda
Subject: RE: Request for East Riverside Corridor Working Group member Gilda,

My email to Rich MacKinnon of the UTC bounced back. Do you have another email address for him?

Thanks,
 Erica

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From: Leak, Erica
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:42 AM
To: 'rich@richmackinnon.com'
Cc: Powers, Gilda
Subject: Request for East Riverside Corridor Working Group member

Dear Chair MacKinnon,

As you know, City Council adopted the East Riverside Corridor (ERC) Master Plan this past February. One of the action items in the Master Plan is the creation of a Regulating Plan for the area, which is a code that combines new zoning and design-based standards. More information about the adopted East Riverside Corridor Master Plan and the upcoming process to create a Regulating Plan for the area can be found at www.eastriversidecorridor.com. The presentation given at the May 17th Regulating Plan public kickoff meeting can be found [here](#).

During the creation of the new regulations, we will be undertaking such challenging issues as allowable building heights and community benefit trade-offs as part of a density bonus, and compatibility of new development with nearby single-family homes. Because of the challenging issues to be addressed, staff feels that a small group of people who are committed to ensuring the draft regulations reflect a balance of public interests can work in tandem with the public input process to further the goals of the ERC Master Plan. Therefore, in addition to public meetings to obtain input, City staff has suggested the creation of an ERC Working Group.

We request that the Urban Transportation Commission select a representative to be a member of the East Riverside Corridor Working Group. We would like to receive the name of the representative by July 9, if possible.

Working Group members would have the following responsibilities:

- Attend all ERC Regulating Plan public meetings and Working Group meetings
- Help make sure staff is hearing what the public is saying
- Sift through details raised at public meetings and by staff
- Devote time to detailed consideration of ERC Regulating Plan issues
- Raise questions and issues needing further discussion and public input
- Function as sounding board in preparation for public meetings

An example of a function of the Working Group might be to review staff presentations prior to public meetings to ensure language is clear and easy for the public to understand.

The ERC Working Group will be comprised of representatives of the following groups:

- East Riverside Oltorf Combined (EROOC) neighborhood representative
- Montopolis neighborhood representative
- Montopolis Community Business Leaders Assoc. representative

- East Riverside Corridor renters
- East Riverside Corridor community organization leader
- Community Development Commission (affordable housing) representative
- Planning Commission representative
- Design Commission representative
- Urban Transportation Commission (transit) representative
- Congress for New Urbanism (design professional) representative
- East Riverside Corridor Commercial/Multifamily property owner
- Developer representative

Staff feels that it is important to have members of a number of Boards and Commissions on the ERC Working Group so that they can provide insight about city-wide issues that may be relevant for the East Riverside Corridor Regulating Plan. Staff suggests that the ERC Working Group meet once a month until the new Regulating Plan is adopted by City Council (a process we estimate will take approximately one year), but the frequency of meetings will be confirmed with the representatives once the Working Group is formed.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the ERC Working Group concept or if you may need additional time to select a representative.

Best wishes,
Erica

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