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Date: August 11, 2011

To: Dave Sullivan, Chair, Planning Commission

From: John Limon, Chair, Community Development Commission

Subject: CDC UNO Fee In-Lieu Recommendations

As you know in 2009, the City Council asked the CDC and the Planning Commission to make recommendations on a potential revision to the calculation of the in-lieu fee for affordable housing in the University Neighborhood Overlay.

After much discussion, and meeting with the Planning Commission in a Working Group, the CDC voted unanimously on recommendations to forward to the Planning Commission during its August 9, 2011 meeting. The recommendations passed are as follows:

1. The in-lieu fee be changed to \$5.00 per square foot, to be tied to the CPI so it can be adjusted annually.
2. Amend the bonus height provision from 15 feet to 24 feet in all UNO districts that have an allowable height of 45 feet.
3. Shift the affordability standard to the "Undergraduate Cost of Attendance" with the goal of achieving greater affordability than market rents. Seek public comment on shifting the affordability methodology from units to bedrooms.

The CDC hopes to be involved in finalizing details of any shift of the program to the Undergraduate Cost of Attendance.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need additional information.