

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION AT THE SOUTH CENTRAL WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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Good evening, I'm Susan Moffat. I'm former member of the CodeNEXT Advisory Group, and I recently noticed a provision regarding Conditional Use Permits for the Waterfront Overlay District that I wanted to bring to your attention for possible action.

As some of you may know, current code Section 25-5-143(c) requires that a proposed Conditional Use Permit in the Waterfront Overlay district be reviewed by the Waterfront Advisory Board. The Waterfront Advisory Boards. The Waterfront Advisory Board, of course, is now defunct so staff has recommended removing this requirement as part of CodeNEXT.

However, your body – the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – still oversees a major subdistrict of the Waterfront Overlay, including the 118 acres most likely to face intense development pressures in the near future.

The purpose of a Conditional Use Permit is to allow a use that would otherwise be prohibited in an area. So it seems important for your board to have opportunity to weigh in on any CUP that's proposed for the South Central Waterfront to ensure it conforms to the adopted Plan.

I think the best way to achieve this may be for this board to simply adopt its own requirement, outside the CodeNEXT process, to ensure your review of all proposed CUPs in the Plan area.

I would suggest some short language, based on the current code section that simply updates the name of the plan area and reviewing body. This would read:

If a Conditional Use Permit application includes property located within the South Central Waterfront Plan area, the director shall request a recommendation from the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board to be presented to the Land Use Commission with the director's report.

That's all I've got. I just wanted to bring this to your attention for possible consideration. Many thanks to all of you for your ongoing service and for your care for this very important part of our community.