

**Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force
Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2008**

A meeting of the Edgewater Drive Vision Task Force was held on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at approximately 3:30 p.m. at Orlando City Hall, 400 S. Orange Ave., in the Veterans' Conference Room.

Task Force Members Present

Chair Claramargaret Groover
Robert Ward
James Pruett
Robert Carr
Karen Schimpf
Eric Shawn Houston

Task Force Members Absent

Eric Apen
Greg Bryla
Tom Cook
Mary Dees
Phyllis Tuell

Others Present

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart
Jason Burton, Chief Planner, City of Orlando
Jon Ippel, Planner, City of Orlando
Michaëlle Pierrette, Planner, City of Orlando
Natalie Barnes, Resource Analyst, City of Orlando

1. Approval of previous meetings minutes

The meeting minutes from the February 7, 2008 meeting were approved. The Chair read a "Preamble" statement on the purpose of the Task Force.

2. Recap of URBAN FORM

- walkabout
- transitions/transects
- appropriate meetings
- heights – various height along the transect for certain building types.
- alleyways – the more intense T6 and T5 zones are accessed from alleyways, and not directly from the street.

- floor heights – differ by use (commercial/office uses generally yield a maximum of 6 stories, 7 story for residential due to floor-to-floor ratios) when thinks about the maximum height allowed in the AC-1/T zoning district (75-feet maximum).
- parking garages, line them with uses so as they are not directly visible.
- potential public parking garage locations (possibility to include a question about how much one would pay for parking on the survey).
- public art and view corridor possibilities based Greg Bryla’s comment at last meeting.

3. Discussion of Transect at Specific Locations

Bob Ward: discussion of the four sub-neighborhoods (essentially separated by the different zoning districts) along the corridor.

- a. Chair** - discussion of legal limits of process because landowners have entitlements
- b. Jason Burton**– Discussed possibilities of having a formed-based process through a Town Design Review Committee, which was suggested by Task Force members at the last meeting, that would eliminate MPB if conforms to a Vision Plan. Many projects may require a density/intensity bonus, which allows a way guide height through the amount of bonus given to a certain site – as long as it fits within the master vision for the area. Projects not conforming to the Plan could still take the avenue of Municipal Planning Board Review. Additionally, the Master Plan process allows the City and staff to look at height issues based on neighborhood compatibility.
- c. Other possibilities with school sites.** OCPS could potentially sell off out parcels, which would then need to conform to the vision plan.

4. Open Discussion

From the public, it was mentioned that it would be helpful to have side-by-side or overlay comparison of proposed and existing zoning. Concerns were raised about controlling any encroachments into existing residential neighborhood.

The Task Force thought it would be helpful to be briefed on Edgewater H.S. plans. Robert Carr said that there is value in producing a vision Plan: “Predictability of the process has value.” It was mentioned by members that there is a desire to have more open space to support future residents of the area – Mr. Burton suggested that T4 zones on the Urban Form plan are appropriate locations to be looking for such spaces. There should be traffic studies of how much more traffic will go into streets.

A discussion ensued about a public parking garage or parking available to the public.

5. Upcoming Meetings

It was decided that the first meeting of the month will be at City Hall, second meeting of the month will be in community. It was suggested that there could be one large meeting at Edgewater High School or community center at the half-way point to present the Task Force findings to the larger community. Jason Burton and Jessica Stead (Commissioner Stuart's aide) will look into scheduling. It was discussed that the Task Force would like to hear stakeholder presentations at the beginning of meetings, so they can share their viewpoints. Staff mentioned that they are in process of inviting key stakeholders (i.e. neighboring residents, CPNA, and key business tenants).

6. Survey

Members had good comments about draft survey. Robert Carr mentioned that question #7 needed to be corrected.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.