

Summary of Public Open House Meetings

Four informational Open Houses were held to provide an opportunity for residents to review and comment on proposed changes to be incorporated into the new Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw. Announcements for the Open Houses were provided by a PSA, advertisement in The StarPhoenix, and email notification to Community Consultants. In total, 25 residents attended the Open Houses.

Public Open House Meetings were held at the following locations:

Tuesday March 17, 2009
Grace Westminster United Church
505 - 10th Street East

Wednesday, March 18, 2009
E.D. Feehan High School
411 Avenue M North

Monday, March 23, 2009
Alice Turner Branch Library
110 Nelson Road

Wednesday, March 25, 2009
Rusty Macdonald Branch Library
225 Primrose Drive

Comments sheets were provided at the Open Houses that asked for the top 3 issues that brought the person to the Open House and provided opportunity to provide additional comments or concerns with the proposed amendments. A summary of these comments is provided below.

Top issues that brought person to Open House:

- Review of parking requirements for multi-unit developments
- New medium density residential district: affordable housing projects
- Revisions to building height restrictions
- Heritage conservation
- Housing shortage
- Professional interests – detail level
- General interest
- Looking to see what additional public consultation processes are being planned
- More detailed explanation of proposed changes

Additional comments submitted:

- Would like to see a more involved public consultation process. Understand that this is more of a house-keeping exercise, it has been 10 years since Plan Saskatoon. Given that length of time and the rapid growth of the city, feel it is time to once again do a major consultation on our city's development.
- Interest in viewing and reading updates to Section 19.1 – LAP land use policy and neighbourhood characteristics. Specifically interested in Pleasant Hill
- Clarification needed on height of hospitals.
- Clarification needed on the difference between “Residential – Conventional” and “Residential – Unconventional” in University Heights Sector Plan.
- Keep up the good work.
- Would like to see the west side developed with a more balanced growth and have developers need to look at a more attractive development with homes that are more pleasing to the area, and not building homes so close together.