

### AGENDA

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• Welcome + Background

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- Sessions (25 min. each)
  - Design Guidelines
  - Land Use Changes
  - Accessory Dwelling Units
- Comments + Questions





## Plan Boundary









## **Plan Framework Map**





# Tonight's Workshop

- Introduce potential polices and actions
- Each policy includes multiple actions; only a few key actions will be discussed tonight
  - Copies of draft policies and action items are on your table for reference
- Small group discussion at your tables
- Comment cards and Q+A tell us what you think!





## OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOODS DESIGN GUIDELINES

- Informational design handbook (voluntary)
- Additions and new buildings
- Goal: maintain historic character in NCL & NCM zone districts
- Implementation of Old Town Neighborhoods Plan and 2012 Character Study



### WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- Some new construction may be incompatible with the historic character of the Old Town Neighborhoods
- It is important to define and illustrate what "compatibility" looks like for property owners, builders, and others
- Additional standards may not be necessary; provide information and guidance without over-regulating



## **Character Areas**

### **WESTSIDE**





## **Character Areas**

1	1882- 1920	richly-detailed	1-, 1.5-, & 2-story
2	1901- 1920	moderate to high detail, similar styles, similar scale	1- & 1.5- story
3	1881- 1920	limited detail, similar styles, lowest scale	1-story
4	1901- 1960	moderate detail, variety of styles, similar scale	1.5- & 2- story
5	1941- 1960	minimal detail, block and lot patterns	1-story
6	1941- 1960	limited detail, curvilinear patterns	1-story



# Key Elements

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Materials and Finishes
- Accessory Buildings
- Energy Efficiency

## SITE DESIGN

- Setbacks
- Landscaping
- Alignment
- Parking and Vehicular Access

# **BUILDING DESIGN**

- New Construction
- Additions/Alterations







Setbacks and Alignment - compatible

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Setbacks and Alignment – less compatible



**Discussion Questions** 

#### How do you see yourself using the Old Town Neighborhoods Design Guidelines?

How can we ensure that the Design Guidelines are a useful resource for development in the Old Town Neighborhoods?

Which components of the Design Guidelines are most relevant to you? Is anything missing?



#### LAND USE





#### WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- Preserve existing character of the neighborhoods
- Minimize new, more intense land uses



LMN Zoning Pockets







#### POTENTIAL POLICY

Preserve the stability and character of the neighborhoods

#### **POTENTIAL ACTIONS**

- Explore zoning changes in LMN areas where current uses are more reflective of NCM or NCL districts.
- Maintain LMN zone district in strategic locations to preserve housing variety and some business uses within the neighborhoods.
- Explore options with affected property owners to create a buffer zone between the Downtown and Westside neighborhood where no buffer currently exists.

# Land Use Changes

# POTENTIAL BENEFITS

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- Preserve existing character of the neighborhoods
- Limit potential for incompatible development
- More consistent zoning pattern
- Retains some LMN zones

# **POTENTIAL CONCERNS**

- Reduced flexibility for property owners
- Limits opportunities for redevelopment
- Must have property owners' input to proceed



#### Do you support the proposed zoning changes?

# What other areas should staff consider for land use changes, if any?





# ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU)



# Accessory Dwelling Units

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU): Additional living quarters on single-family lots that are independent of the primary dwelling unit

- Typically smaller in size than the principal dwelling
- Often called secondary units, "granny flats," or "in-law apartments"
- Carriage Houses are smaller, detached units located behind the principal home, often with alley access. Common form of ADU in the Old Town Neighborhoods

**In-Home or Attached ADU:** An accessory unit with a separate entrance contained within the principal home, usually in the basement or rear of the property.

- Not as common in the Old Town Neighborhoods. Land Use Code considers this arrangement a duplex or two-family dwelling



#### Residential Parcels – Old Town Neighborhoods



Neighborhood Conservation Buffer Zone (NCB)

Neighborhood Conservation Medium Density (NCM)

Neighborhood Conservation Low Density (NCL)





# Accessory Dwelling Units

### WHAT WE'VE HEARD...

- Neighborhood for all ages, incomes, and families
- Concern over loss of affordability & workforce housing
- Interest in greater flexibility for accessory dwelling units





## **POTENTIAL POLICY**

Encourage a variety of housing choices to provide options for a diverse mix of ages, income levels, and families.

#### **POTENTIAL ACTION**

 Explore changes to Land Use Code standards for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to enhance flexibility for smaller units, aging-in-place, or family care.

# ADU Flexibility

# **POTENTIAL BENEFITS**

Preserve / create smaller units

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- Lower rents for smaller units
- Units may be suitable for downsizing, aging-in-place, family-care, workforce housing
- Less intrusive way to add density in the neighborhoods

## **POTENTIAL CONCERNS**

- Reduction in rear-yard open space; reduced privacy
- No guarantee units will be or remain affordable
- Use as short-term rentals
- Noise, parking, and alley impacts



# What options should staff explore to add housing choices in the Old Town Neighborhoods?

## Consider the following options in your discussion:

- No Changes
- ADU Flexibility
  - Lot Sizes
  - In-Home Units
  - Size, Design, or Operational Standards
- Other Ideas



#### **Questions and Answers**

#### **Next Steps:**

- Write draft plan
- Targeted outreach to property owners:
  - Mulberry and Shields Corridors
  - Potential land use changes
- Draft Plan Open House TBD

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