

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO LAND USE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

DATE: May 19, 2011

ATTENTION: Land Use and Housing Committee
Agenda of May 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Status Report for Technical Advisory Committee

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE CITY COUNCIL.

BACKGROUND

The Land Use and Housing Committee approved the appointment of a revised Technical Advisory Committee in March, 2000 to review performance and customer service in the land and building development review process. LU&H reconvened the TAC with revised membership in June, 2001 under the City Manager's office, with a similar mission.

DISCUSSION

TAC makes recommendations to LU&H on policies, regulations and procedures on a regular basis; however, there has been no formal report on the status of TAC since the 9/14/07. Since that time, TAC has evolved in several areas:

Expanded Membership

TAC representative includes leaders from associations, organization and stakeholder groups. Since the last report to LU&H, the following seats have been added to TAC:

1. Associated General Contractors
2. National Association of Industrial and Office Properties
3. Sustainable Energy Advisory Board
4. San Diego Association of Realtors

Accomplishments

1. New customer service standards
2. New employee performance measures
3. Revised project distribution/assignment procedures
4. Participation in DSD Business Process Re-Engineering
5. Supported revised fees
6. Project Incentives for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Development
7. Self Certification for limited building, landscape and engineering plans
8. Update electronic filing of permits
9. Upgrades to the DSD website

Goals

TAC has been in a reactive mode for the last few years, a time period that stretched over a long and deep recession in the development industry. TAC responded to issues raised by Development Services and other departments. It is my goal for 2011 to return to our Priorities Matrix and, by working through our subcommittee structure, to focus on:

1. Continued implementation of approved BPRs, including:
 - a. Merging all plan reviews (sewer, water, fire, etc.) back into DSD
 - b. Reduce the number of reviewers (i.e. by cross-training)
 - c. Expand self-certification and promote the program to the design community
2. Development issues affecting small business
3. Technology improvements
4. Review customer service standards, including improvements to review timelines that have lengthened with the continual reduction in DSD staff.
5. Support regulatory changes to facilitate the use of recycled water for irrigation.
6. The merger of City Planning and Community Investment and DSD.

We will continue in our role of reviewing changes that are proposed in response to new state regulations, actions by the Airport Authority, a probable 8th Land Development Code Update, General Plan implementation, suggestions by customers for improvements to DSD operations and processes, and direction from the Land Use and Housing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Technical Advisory Committee

Mission Statement:

To proactively advise the Mayor and the Land Use and Housing Committee on improvements to the regulatory process through the review of policies and regulations that impact development. And to advise on improvements to the development review process through communications, technology and best business practices to reduce processing times and improve customer service. And to advocate for quality development to meet the needs of all citizens of San Diego.