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Work Session Minutes

Historic Review Board

Commission Chambers

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

6:00 PM

1. Convene Work Session and Roll Call

Vice Chair Ferry called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: 4 - Board Member Grant Blythe (arrived late), Board Member Paul Edgar, Board Member Sabrina Ferry, and Board Member Ray Stobie

Absent: 1 - Board Member Jessica Belknap

Staffers: 2 - Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner and Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich

2. Public Comment — *None.*

3. Other Business: **Middle Housing Design Guidelines.**

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner, said the City adopted middle housing code changes in June 2022 which would allow new middle housing products in the McLoughlin and Canemah districts and landmarks. The HRB wanted to provide additional direction to applicants. She explained the process for adoption of the proposed revisions and then reviewed the changes to the massing, parking, configuration of duplex/triplex/fourplex units, entryways for duplex/triplex/fourplex units, townhomes, and cluster housing requirements.

There was discussion about the need for unique approaches in areas where the topography or other factors limited parking access onsite, how applicants would need to provide detailed analysis to demonstrate why the massing would not be considered excessive, faux entry elements were not recommended, and multiple entries should be integrated into the design of the building.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner would take the feedback and update the document, and a clean copy would be presented to the McLoughlin and Canemah neighborhoods. There could be one more Work Session to discuss what was said and make any recommended revisions. Then it would be sent to the City Commission for approval.

4. Adjournment

Chair Blythe adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.