

DATE: September 25, 2017
TO: SGNA-LUTC
FROM: DJ Heffernan, LUTC Chair
Subject: TSP Update and Land Use Actions

TSP Recommended Draft

I had time to review the draft document against the letter we sent to the City with comments on the previous draft. The City did not make any changes to previously recommended street classifications or pedestrian improvements. Our letter to the City specifically asked them to include a new street classification for a “Pedestrian Street”, to include a definition for a “Primary Pedestrian Route”, and a number of recommendations for pedestrian safety enhancements in certain corridors and intersections. We also recommended changes to the ‘Pattern Area’ for inner city neighborhoods to include primary pedestrian routes and to emphasize pedestrian safety over vehicular enhancements to streets.

Their rationale for not dealing with these issues at this time is because the City is updating the Portland Pedestrian Plan, which will be adopted as an element of the TSP when finished next year. So at this time it does not appear we can expect much action on these recommendations and I am not inclined to sign up to testify at Tuesday’s public hearing on the recommended Draft TSP. We need to press these concerns with PDOT, however, as part of the Pedestrian Plan update process. Michelle Marx is the staff person leading that work. She is presenting the planning effort to the NECN LUTC on Wednesday. I am attending that meeting and will raise our concerns with her and find out how we can best affect that process so they are addressed.

Short Term Housing Development - LU 17-142637 CU

The City has accepted a Conditional Use application to remodel an older SFR on NE Broadway next to the Safety Glass Company. If approved the project would remodel the building to include five short-term rental units in the house. No exterior changes are proposed. There is parking behind the building. The house would become an ‘AB&B’ like facility. The property is zoned Storefront Commercial (CU). Accessory Short Term Residential is allowed in the zone as a conditional use.

SGNA is allowed to comment on the application, which will be considered through a Type II administrative hearing process. Comments are due on or before October 11 by 5:00 P.M. We will discuss at our meeting this Thursday