

EXIT COMMENT CARD RESULTS

1. What recommendation presented tonight do you support the most? Why?

- Most look good to me.
- Simpler building permit process
- Positive statement of goals and objectives
- Connection to river and Milwaukie Bay Park
- Pedestrian-friendly goals
- Can we add overpasses to cross McLoughlin?
- How about large (4-5' diameter) planter pots in the middle of the street to slow traffic?
- Pedestrian-friendliness – more people want walkability and '20 minute neighborhoods.' Makes for a more vibrant city.
- Better downtown zoning.
- Good on 4-story downtown residential.
- I support changing the code to allow 3 stories; not in support of 4 stories. Period.

2. What recommendation are you most concerned about? Why?

- The only exception is the window transparency code. Having large open windows in direct sunlight does not work for retail. Sun fade is a big problem for retailers. We have all seen sun-bleached products.
- The ones written by Mary Dorman who works both sides of the City counter. It's unethical!
- Parking. We need some on-street parking, maybe 2 hr limits, so people could drive through town and stop on a whim to shop.
- Not in support of 4 stories at the north end of town; needs to be 3 or less next to the residential neighborhood.

3. What recommendation do you still have questions about? Why?

- Building heights – For certain business, 4 stories or less may be a non-starter. If ground floor is retail and if the business needs 2 floors of office, having just one floor for residential may not allow a project to pencil.

- Windows continued – From Washington St to Harrison St on Main St, none of the west-facing businesses have large open windows without window coverings. The sun is the reason.
- Financial assistances given to contractors/owners who don't need it and taxpayers who are sinking. We can't afford to support poor and rich!
- If we don't see business come into the downtown area, will we consider financial incentives?
- How do you plan to reduce nonconforming grandfathered uses currently in place?

4. Did we miss anything?

- The project threw money at the problem the City caused. Imagination could have prevented our dead town and brought it back. The Metro solution is too expensive and comes headlong into 'we can't afford 2 more police officers.'
 - 1) Grants to small businesses (Mississippi Ave jump starter); 2) new sign ordinance - it looks like a ghost town; 3) NO PAR costs; 4) free business licenses; 5) get existing residents on transit and 6) loop bus; All of these have brought cities back from the 'dead zone' like Milwaukie.
- How about building landmark "Welcome to Milwaukie" signs at the two gateways into the city? (north and south ends of McLoughlin; with large dogwood flower; 3-D carved signs; see signs entering Canby)

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