

12 August 2008

WEEKLY MEETING OF NWQ STUDY GROUP

Attending from the Study Group: John Gasden, Al Hefner, Pete Palmer
Not attending: Bob Pinkerton, Henrietta Goode, Dwayne Smalley, James Bellew

Attending from the public: Donna Alley, Evan Thompson, Billy Keyserling, Naomi Lewis, Garrett Buds, Jay Weidner

Key Points Were:

- The Chairman expressed thanks from the Study Group to Garrett Buds for the 25 page initial document on Form Base Codes as they might apply to the NWQ. This should most definitely be included in the package that will be passed to City Council.
- To the extent that we are successful in building in financial incentives to repairing and refurbishing Contributing homes (as well as in-fill) for the NWQ, we should recommend that the same incentives also apply to the Old Commons neighborhood.
- Evan Thompson has taken the materials and outlines from John Gasden, Naomi, Lewis and Pete Palmer and is compiling a compendium for presentation to City Council on 25 August – as well as identifying points that should be highlighted during the oral presentation to City Council.
- What's in a name? Some discussion about an appropriate name for what we have been referring to as a Design Center – perhaps Community Development Center, Community Information Center ...
- The issue of the super tall electrical poles that will at some juncture be run through portions of the NWQ is very much with us. While it is not an issue within the purview of this Study Group, it is an issue that impacts both physically and psychologically on the NWQ.

The next meetings of this Study Group will most probably be at the Friends Room of the Arsenal -- to review and work on the package that Evan Thompson is working on for presentation to City Council. He will make Email suggestions as to time and dates – most probably on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.