

Update on Downtown Livability Initiative



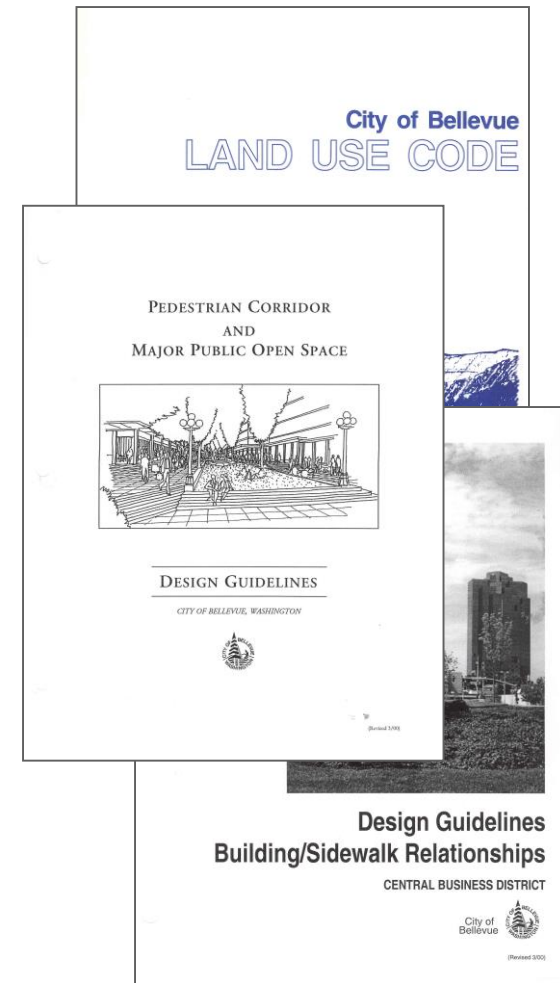
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Downtown Livability Initiative

- Targeted review of Downtown Land Use Code
- Most extensive update since original 1981 code; Will set the stage for future land use/development
- Implements Downtown Subarea Plan; Incorporates elements from Downtown Transportation Plan Update and light rail planning
- Council priority to complete Livability work
- **Tonight's session is for information only – intended to keep Council apprised of the process to wrap up the Downtown Livability code work.**



Code Update Part of Broader Livability Effort

Safety and security



Affordable housing



Public transit



Parks and open space



Bicycle mobility



Walkability



Vehicular mobility



Cultural facilities



Neighborhood Services



Schools



Entertainment

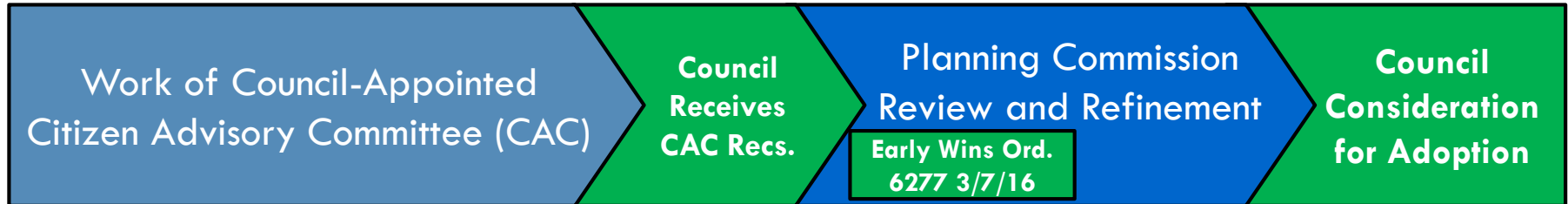


Character



Overall – Where We Are Now

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



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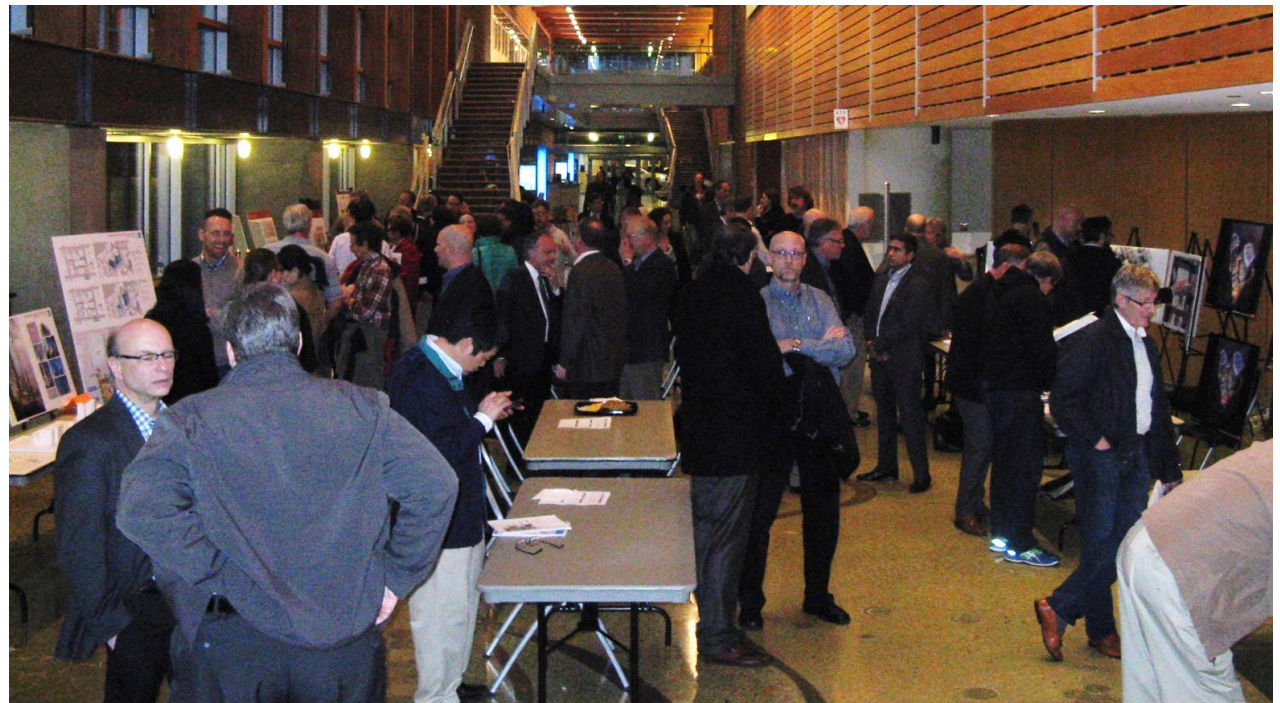


Major Council Direction to Date:

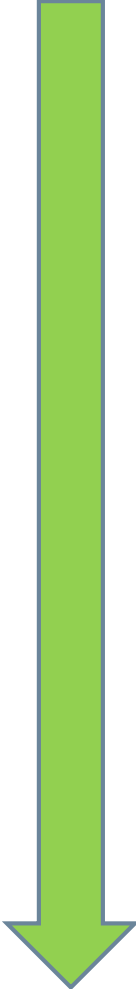
- Overall Downtown Livability Scope and Project Principles
- Council Charge to Planning Commission for Review of CAC Recommendations (5/2015)
- Council Direction on Incentive Zoning (1/2016)

Stakeholder/Public Engagement

- Planning Commission meeting focused on Livability every 2nd Wednesday
- Staff continues to meet with broad range of stakeholders/community members
- Well-attended Stakeholder Exhibits & Open House, March 9
- Will continue these efforts and explore alternative approaches for effective public input

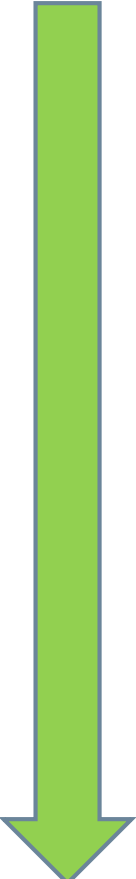


Jan 2015 – March 2016 Milestones



City Council		Planning Commission	
Jan 2015	Council receipt of CAC Transmittal		
May 2015	Council direction on scope of Commission review	Apr 2015	Commission/Public Walking Tour
		Jun 2015	Community Open House/Check-in; Commission Orientation/Kick-off for Downtown Livability,
		Jul 2015	Commission review of CAC Report and Recommendations
		Sep 2015	Commission/Public Walking Tour; Initiate work on “Early Wins”
		Oct 2015	Commission work on “Early Wins”
Nov 2015	<i>Joint Council/Commission workshop on Incentive Zoning</i>		
		Nov 2015	Commission work on “Early Wins”; de-brief on Nov. 9 Incentive Zoning Workshop
		Dec 2015	Public Hearing on “Early Wins”
Jan 2016	Council principles on Incentive Zoning	Jan 2016	Commission Review: District Identity, Street Character
		Feb 2016	Commission Review: Building Height & Urban Form
Mar 2016	Council adoption of “Early Wins”; Public View Corridor of Mount Rainier	Mar 2016	Stakeholder Exhibits & Open House; Commission Review: Building Height & Urban Form

Focus on April 2016 – Dec 2016



City Council		Planning Commission	
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Apr/May 2016	Continued discussion of Public View Corridor of Mount Rainier	May 2016	Incentive Zoning Methodology and Amenity List; Process Departures
Jun 2016	Council check-in on Incentive Zoning	Jun 2016	Code Standards and Design Guidelines
		Jul 2016	Incentive Zoning Calibration; Subarea Plan
Early Aug	Council check-in on Incentive Zoning Economic Modeling	Sep 2016	Consolidated Code Packet; Open House
		Oct 2016	Target for Public Hearing, Commission Deliberations
		Nov 2016	Finalize Commission Recs. on Land Use Code Amendments
Dec 2016	Target for Commission transmittal of Code Amendment Recs. to Council		