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Plan Review Schedule: Adoption

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Description

Staff recommends the Planning Board adopt the attached Plan Review Schedules for preliminary plans, site plans and sketch plans for calendar year 2017.

Background

Chapter 59.7.6.3.C. of the County code (zoning ordinance) requires the Planning Board adopt Sketch and Site Plan Review Schedules for each calendar year. The schedule must be in accordance with the timeframes established in Sections 7.3.3 and 7.3.4 of the zoning ordinance for site plans and sketch plans. The schedule must set the following:

- a. The date an accepted application will be distributed to the Development Review Committee.
- b. The date initial comments are due for Staff and reviewing agencies.
- c. The date of the Development Review Committee meeting.
- d. The date by which an applicant resubmit plans addressing the Development Review Committee comments.
- e. The date when final Staff and agency recommendations and conditions are due.
- f. The date of the public hearing.

The recently approved subdivision regulations do not require the Planning Department to identify a specific review schedule, however, the new regulations do require preliminary plans to have a public hearing before the Planning Board within 120 days from plan acceptance. In order to meet this schedule the same six items identified in above were considered in developing a review schedule to the meet the 120 day public hearing schedule.

Sketch Plans

Section 7.3.3 of the zoning ordinance further identifies two key milestone dates for sketch plans, which are:

- a. The Planning Board must schedule a public hearing to begin within 90 days from the date an application was accepted, and
- b. The Planning Director must publish a report and recommendation at least 10 days before the public hearing.

<u>Site Plans</u>

Section 7.3.4 of the zoning ordinance identifies the milestone dates for Site Plans, which are:

- a. The Planning Board must schedule a public hearing to begin within 120 days from the date an application was accepted.
- b. Reviewing State and County agencies and utilities must submit initial comments, to the Planning Department, before the Development Review Committee meeting
- c. The applicant must submit revised drawings in response to comments 65 days before the Planning Board hearing.
- d. State and County agencies and utilities must submit a final recommendation to Staff on the application at least 45 days before the Planning Board public hearing.
- e. The Planning Director must publish a report and recommendation at least 10 days before the public hearing.

Preliminary Plans

Section 50.4.1.E and 50.4.2.B of the subdivision regulations identifies the milestone dates for Preliminary Plans, which are:

- a. The Planning Board must schedule a public hearing to begin within 120 days from the date an application was accepted.
- b. Reviewing State and County agencies and utilities must submit initial comments, to the Planning Department, before the Development Review Committee meeting
- c. The applicant must submit revised drawings in response to comments 65 days before the Planning Board hearing.
- d. State and County agencies and utilities must submit a final recommendation to Staff on the application at least 45 days before the Planning Board public hearing.
- e. The Planning Director must publish a report and recommendation at least 10 days before the public hearing.

Analysis

Staff created two plan review schedules. The first schedule, which is applicable to both site plans and preliminary plans conforms to the zoning ordinance and the subdivision regulation. The second schedule is for sketch plans and also conforms to the zoning ordinance. Two schedules are necessary because the number of days from final acceptance to the Planning Board hearing is 30 days shorter for Sketch Plans than it is for Site/Preliminary Plans. In addition, the sketch plan timeline is a more flexible in that final drawings do not need to be submitted 65 days in advance of the Planning Board's public hearing. In either case, if an application is not ready for a Planning Board public hearing an extension can be granted. Extensions can be requested by the applicant or Staff. Under the zoning ordinance, and the subdivision regulation, the Planning Director can postpone the public hearing by up to 30 days once without Planning Board approval. Extensions beyond 30 days must be approved by the Planning Board.

In developing the review schedule staff considered the Development Review Committee (DRC) meeting frequencies, known Commission and Planning Board holidays, and the requirements established under Sections 7.3.3 and 7.3.4 of the zoning ordinance and Chapter 50.4.1.E and 50.4.2.B or the subdivision regulation. In order to come up with a schedule staff charted the key milestone dates. Starting in January 2017 the DRC meetings will occur every 15 days. Previously, the DRC committee met every 14 days. The committee members will continue to meet weekly to discuss cases. The first staff meeting, which is known as the Pre-DRC meeting, occurs 7 days after the distribution of new applications. At this meeting each agency identifies issues with the submission. If there are conflicts between agencies they are discussed at this stage. The applicant is not present at the Pre-DRC meeting. The DRC meeting, with the applicant, occurs 15 days from date of plan distribution. The applicant's team is provided comments the Friday before the DRC meeting. At the DRC meeting Staff meets with applicant team to discuss issues and start resolving issues. Once DRC is complete, the applicant has 15 days to revise drawings and upload the new drawings into ePlans. Following the re-submission, Staff and review agencies have 13 days to review and provide final comments on the preliminary and site plan drawings. Then the applicant team has 8 days to revise and upload their final submission. At this time 55 days have lapsed since the application was accepted as complete, which is also 65 days prior to the Planning Board public hearing. The zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations both require applicants to make their final submission 65 days prior to the public hearing. Exhibit A provides a schematic with individual time periods necessary for each preliminary and site plan milestone. Exhibit B is the proposed Plan Review Schedule applicable to both preliminary plans and site plans.

A similar Plan Review Schedule was created for sketch plans. This schedule is based on similar presumptions. That is, the DRC meeting with applicants occurs once every 15 days, all known Commission and Planning Board holidays were considered, and that the regulatory clock for sketch plans is 90 days. Since the clock from acceptance to a Planning Board hearing is shorter, the time

available to review submissions and for applicants to respond must also be shorter. Exhibit C is the proposed Plan Review Schedule for Sketch Plans.

In both Plan Review Schedules, if a DRC meeting was scheduled for a holiday the DRC meeting with the applicant was shifted to the next business day. Similarly if the proposed Planning Board public hearing date occurs on a known Commission or Planning Board holiday the public hearing was shifted to the first available Thursday after the holiday. For applications that were submitted and either the 90 or 120-day regulatory time clock occurs on holiday, an extension to extend the review schedule will be necessary.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Planning Board adopt the Preliminary/Site Plan and Sketch Plan Review Schedules.

Exhibit A

| Date Planning Department Accepts Application | Wednesday, January 04, 2017 |
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| Date application distributed to review agencies | Monday, January 09, 2017 7 days |
| Pre-DRC (Review Agencies only) | Monday, January 16, 201715 days |
| DRC with applicant | Tuesday, January 24, 2017 |
| 1st resubmission submission date | Wednesday, February 08, 2017 |
| Comments on 1st resubmission sent to applicant | 13 days Tuesday, February 21, 2017 |
| Applicant's final submission | 8 days Tuesday, February 28, 2017 |
| Letters from Review Agencies | 20 days Monday, March 20, 2017 |
| Peer Review | Tuesday, April 11, 2017 65 days |
| Posting of Staff Report | 45 days Monday, April 24, 2017 |
| Planning Board Hearing | Thursday, May 04, 2017 |

Exhibit B. 2017 DRC and Planning Board Schedule for Preliminary and Site Plans (120 day schedule)

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| | | | | Applicant's final submission | recommendations to | | |
| Plan Distribution Date to Review | | | Comments from staff on | Due Date (65 days from PB | Planning Department (45 | Posting of Staff Report on | |
| Agencies | DRC with Applicant | Applicant's 1st Resubmission | Resubmission | Hearing) | days from PB hearing) | Planning Board's Website | Planning Board Public Hearing Date |
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Exhibit C. 2017 DRC and Planning Board Schedule for Sketch Plans (90 day schedule)

| Plan Distribution Date to Review | | Applicant's First | Comments from Staff on | | Final Recommendation From | Last Day Publish Staff Report | Planning Board Public Hearing |
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