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With four new planning commissioners coming on board in January, there must be a certain disjuncture in the flow of the planning process, and I think it is important to discuss some of these issues. I would like to bring up such a discussion at our next Planning Commission meeting during the Commissioner's Comment section at the end of the meeting. If possible, I would like this email to be conveyed to the members of the Planning Commission in the upcoming agenda so that they may be able to provide helpful feedback that will assist in the overall planning process.

Recalibrating the Planning Process

With four new members of the Planning Commission coming on board in January, I believe it would be helpful for commissioners to have an ongoing discussion regarding their orientation toward development projects as a means of assisting the staff and applicants in moving the planning process forward. This idea was made clear to me at our most recent meeting when the applicant for a condominium projects stated that staff had essentially provided the green light to design a project that maximized density, only to be rebuffed two separate times by the Planning Commission because of density issues. It seems that there may need to be a 'recalibration' of sorts so that staff, applicants and commissioners are all on the same page, and I will be bringing up some of these issues during the Commissioner Comments section in the agenda in order to encourage a fuller discussion of these matters by the remainder of the commission.

Thank you,
Tomas Ursua