

Transcription: Storm Closing Public Comments at May 18, 2004 PC Meeting

Green Any comments on agenda issues only from the assembly?

Storm I'm not sure if this is going to be an agenda item or not, but I did mention it in my comments at the hearing. Does that count?

Green *[stutters slightly]*.

Storm Public notice, legal notice, etc.?

Green Sure. Go ahead.

Storm It seems that -- well first of all, let me start with direct costs. "Direct cost" is shown throughout the code (*see Note 1 below*) and I don't have *any* idea what that means. I don't believe anybody else does either. So I think when you're doing code scrubs or code changes, that's a good place to start. In other words, Rick, if you -- you were talking a little while ago where you went way over *[time charged]* on some project, how do we track that time? I'm a transcriber, and attorneys and people like that, they have to track their time, and sometimes minutes, quarter-hours, whatever, and you can't charge a customer for something that you can't justify. And I think we've had a problem with that little thing called a Willow Run invoice, so there is some precedent there for trying to get this, that term straightened out and defined if it's possible to do that. And since developers have such treat luck in trying to present codes that *[short laugh]* that they want to have written, such as for model homes and open space requirements and ADUs and whatever, I thought I'd give it a shot. I think we definitely need in the ordinance, even though it's an RCW, is an ordinance that stipulates a precise procedure for the legal notices for hearings, meetings, workshops... It should be published, it should be at city hall, in the library -- both in the city hall upstairs and downstairs in the library, it should be at the post office, it should be on the city's website. A draft available, crossed-out, highlighted draft available of the changes of every ordinance provided *at least* one week in advance of any hearing, meeting, and/or workshop provided electronically and on the website and available at city hall and the library. And then as far as Public Information Requests go, I think Public Information Requests should be provided within five days of receipt by the City, or provide within a five days a written explanation of any delay that will be encountered and/or a written reason why that public information request cannot be fulfilled. Actually, we don't *really* need a code on that; that is in the Public Information Act right now. And most of this other information that I've suggested. But apparently the city is having a difficult time following these laws, so I thought, perhaps, we could put it in the code and we'd have better success at getting compliance. Thank you.

[Note #1: I mistakenly used the word "code" rather than "fee schedule." This term is not used or defined anywhere within the City's code; but it is liberally referenced throughout the City's fee schedule.]