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2016 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Final Docket Briefing

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Recommended Action

No action necessary, briefing only.

Report

Issue:

Learn about the comprehensive plan amendment applications that were approved for further consideration in 2016.

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Background and Analysis:

On March 15, 2016, the City Council completed the screening of preliminary comprehensive plan amendment applications received for 2016. Four of the five applications were approved for additional review and consideration, which makes up the final docket for the year. The proponents of the items approved for the final docket have until April 22, 2016, to submit formal applications.

Although four proposals were approved for the final docket, only three of those applications will proceed. The Washington State Historical Society, which owns the Lord Mansion site in the South Capitol neighborhood, will not pursue their original request for a comprehensive plan and rezone.

The three applications that will move forward in 2016 include:

- The Kaiser-Harrison Opportunity Area Plan, which includes a comprehensive plan amendment and rezone of approximately 150 acres (study area map is attached).
- A plan text amendment to align the comprehensive plan with the recently adopted Parks, Arts, and Recreation Plan.
- A plan text amendment to address design review, so the city will periodically review and

update its design review standards and process to better align with the comprehensive plan.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

All three proposals are likely to generate community interest and comment. The Kaiser-Harrison Opportunity Area planning process has had several opportunities for public involvement, with outreach targeted to neighborhoods in the area and the property owners within the study area. Input from public meetings is being incorporated into the proposed land use designations and zoning districts and there will be additional opportunities for public participation once those are developed. Environmental review and public hearings will occur in the spring and into early summer.

The text amendments will be considered at the same time as the Kaiser-Harrison Opportunity Area Plan.

Options:

Status update only - no action required at this time.

Financial Impact:

These proposals fit within the existing budget and staffing resources of the Community, Planning and Development Department. Following completion of the updated plan some implementation items may require additional funds.