

**Community Development Council
March 7, 2001, Meeting Minutes**

Don Lindsay, Chairman

City of Houston Development and Review Process

Marlene Gafrick, City of Houston Assistant Director, Development Services, gave an excellent presentation on the city's DRP -- development and review process. April 9 is the start date for electronic filing. Even the fees will be calculated automatically. Marlene noted that the process had not changed for a number of years, but now proposed recommendations will be on the Internet prior to Planning Commission meetings. Developers and builders will be able to see Planning's comments right away. GIS is also coming on line.

Marlene also discussed the new recordation system that is appointment-based. There was good discussion on the processes. A recordation checklist is attached. Replat notifications were also discussed.

Developer Reimbursement Ordinance

Carl Stephens noted that there are a number of details that need to be worked out on the agreements. Several other members echoed this statement. Don Lindsay will set up a meeting with the city to work on these issues.

NPDES/Storm Water

Michael Schaffer and Teague Harris stated that the City and County enforcement authority would not begin until October 1. However, in the meantime, EPA enforcement and training will be stepped up. Builders and developers must be in compliance. There was a lot of discussion about who will own and operate facilities like detention basins. The need for the city and county to hold a half-day seminar in the spring was mentioned. The difference in temporary practices such as silt fences and permanent practices such as detention basins was discussed.

Historic Preservation

The City of Houston's proposals have slowed down for discussions among interested and affected parties.

Clean Air

Harless Benthul reported that there has been no answer to the federal lawsuit. The state asked for a particular judge and possibly consolidation with another suit. A ruling on one

of the Dallas cases may be out soon. On the legislative front, Senator Brown's Senate Bill 5 should be out soon.

Construction Industry Council

The members of the CIC are still pretty evenly split over the review of the International Codes, with the labor unions resisting the review and many other trade associations aligning with GHBA in supporting the I-codes.

Southwestern Bell and April Meeting

Two representatives from SW Bell will attend the April meeting to discuss services to new development.

57 in attendance.