

Landmarks Commission Comments

Re: Development Process Improvement Initiative Report

Date: Discussed at March 14, 2011 meeting

A motion was made by Levitan, seconded by Slattery, to recommend approval of the report with the following amendment:

**F. GOAL: Reduce development approvals required and overlapping jurisdictions authority and conflicts among development approval entities.**

- 1. Identify and eliminate overlapping jurisdictions of boards and commissions where possible.**

**Clarify respective authority of respective Boards and Commissions and eliminate potential overlaps.**

For example, for projects involving landmark properties or projects within historic districts, consider review only by the Landmarks Commission rather than by both the Landmarks Commission and the Urban Design Commission. For projects within the Downtown core, mixed-use commercial district (currently the C\$ District) require review of additions and alterations by just the Urban Design Commission rather than by both the Plan Commission and Urban Design Commission. For demolitions of landmark buildings or buildings on historic districts, require approval by only Landmarks Commission instead of both Landmarks and Plan Commission.

- 2. Redefine super majority requirement for Common Council to be 2/3 of Alders present or eleven Alders, whichever is greater, to reverse decisions of boards and commissions.**

The Common Council will need to decide if ordinance amendments are appropriate. The following decisions currently require a super majority vote:

- ~~a. Certificates of appropriateness by the Landmarks Commission.~~
- ~~b. Conditional Use permits by the Plan Commission.~~
- ~~c. Demolition permits by the Plan Commission.~~

The motion passed by a voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Levitan, seconded by Taylor, to recommend approval of the report with the following amendment:

- G. 10. For advisory boards/commissions, including, but not limited to such as Landmarks and UDC, acting in an advisory capacity, require that, unless otherwise requested by the applicant, a recommendations be made at a single meeting, of the body unless the applicant requests referral.**

The motion passed by a voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Levitan, seconded by Rosenblum, to recommend approval of aspects of the report related to the Landmarks Commission as amended.  
The motion passed by a voice vote/other.