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Subject: Primary concerns aired at neighborhood development summit on 7-31-10 on behalf of Sherman School Neighborhood Association

Hello Ms. Yessa:

As Sherman School Neighborhood Association's representative at the neighborhood summit on 7/31, I would list the following highlights as the most significant concerns aired during the summit:

- **Importance of clarity, transparency, fairness, and predictability in the development review process (no secret meetings; no changing of rules in mid-stream)**
- **"Tiered" approach: "simple" development proposals (e.g., building or renovating one house) do not and should not require as involved a review process or as much public input as "complex" proposals (e.g., the Edgewater proposal)**
- **Benefit of more extensive use of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) by developers to facilitate the review of their proposals would be a plus—to include impact on flora and fauna as well as traffic, natural resources, etc. (There are guidelines on what these EIS should include in both federal and state law.)**
- **Benefit of reviewing development proposals from the perspective of how they will affect future generations, as opposed to how they will facilitate the reelection of some political incumbent (this point is well made in the Capitol Neighborhoods "process review" document but it bears repeating)**

Thanks,

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