

Operation of the Committee of Adjustment

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To:	Planning & Management Growth Committee
From:	Chief Planner & Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	All
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FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report has no financial implications.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on November 1, 2007, the Planning and Growth Management Committee requested that, among other matters, the Chief Planning & Executive Director to report back at its February, 2008 meeting of the following:

- a. the status of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report on “Improving the Planning Process”;
- b. the criteria for the writing of reports and the impact of these on the City’s ability to effectively defend the Committee of Adjustment decisions which have been appealed, when Council so decides;
- c. progress in reducing the backlog of applications;
- d. the ways of altering the process so that Committee decisions are defended without necessarily requiring a motion from a Councillor;
- e. the possibility of setting up a new stand-alone Committee of Adjustment panel to adjudicate issues arising from major projects that have received prior approval and then come back for amendments that alter settled or agreed to conditions;

- f. a process for panels to report out to the Planning and Growth Management Committee of a quarterly basis in order to highlight emerging trends and challenges.

COMMENTS

Since November 2007, City Planning staff have been working on the above-noted requests, and in so doing, have been involved in discussions with other City Divisions including Legal.

As further discussions with the Legal Division are still required before finalizing this report, I am advising the Committee that this report will be available for its next meeting scheduled for April 10, 2008.

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