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Community Meeting Feedback Form

Location of proposed development:

Mellor Building, 821-825 Broughton Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1E3

COMMUNITY MEETING DETAILS

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017

Location of Meeting : Fairfield Gonzales Community Association, Centre, 1330 Fairfield Road, Victoria, B.C. V8S 5J1

Meeting hosted by: the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association

Approximate total number of people in attendance: up to 15 and 6 CALUC members

Meeting Chair: David Biltek

Note Taker: Alice J. Albert, CALUC member

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

Applicant represented by:

Karen Hillel, Hillel Architecture Inc. Nancy Glerup (owner of building) attended with Karen Hillel.

The applicant explained that this proposal is to change the zoning and/or Official Community Plan for the subject property to accommodate the following proposal:

The current zoning is Cathedral Hill Precinct office building. The proposal is to have the building re-zoned to CA4. The current zoning may be dated and a change of zoning would enable a wider range of uses for the building.

Community Questions and Answers:

What are the current uses of the building? Why change the zoning if it is to remain retail space? Who owns the building? What will happen, should the re-zoning go forward, when/if the current owners sell the building? What are the implications for the residents of the Escher condo building (across the road from the Mellor Building)? Will the height change? *Does this thus mean that the building would move from 'a passive tenancy to a more aggressive tenancy.'*



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Community Comments (including positive, negative, and neutral):

At least four (4) residents of the Escher stood up to raise questions and seek answers. There appeared to be general *understanding* that the area is 'core residential.' A particular passionate appeal was made, by one resident of the Escher building, not to go ahead with the re-zoning: "I don't want change." A general concern centred around the usage of the building if the zoning is changed: would a bar/pub/club inhabit the building? This, as expressed by some, would impact on the good neighbour aspect of the street and the, perceived, inability of residents of the Escher to have a quiet enjoyment of their houses. One resident spoke and did not appear to be completely opposed to a re-zoning. A further person appeared to accept the good intentions of the owner(s). A concern was also raised about the future PARC development and any impact on the Escher.

A member from the Heritage Society spoke favourably to the re-zoning request since the heritage aspect of the exterior would not be changed.



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