Columbus Development Commission Policy Meeting (immediately following zoning meeting)

July 10, 2014

6:40p.m. (following the 6:00 p.m. zoning agenda) City of Columbus, I-71 North Complex 757 Carolyn Ave. Public Hearing Room

Call to Order:

The meeting remained in session following the zoning portion of the meeting.

Members Present:

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, Chair Jack Cooley Maria Conroy John Ingwerson

Planning Division Staff Present:

Kevin Wheeler, Assistant Planning Administrator

Approval of May 8, 2014 Policy Meeting Record of Actions

The May 2014 record of action was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation, Discussion and Action

1. Far North Plan

Kevin Wheeler provided a summary of the Far North Plan as Devayani Puranik, principle staff person for the effort, recently accepted a position with the city of Dublin. Key information regarding the new plan includes:

- o Replaces Far North Plan.
- o Far North Columbus Communities Coalition was partner on development of plan.
- Stakeholder interviews, working committee meetings, and public meetings were utilized to gain public input.
- o Includes land use plan for entire area, including recommendations for existing large lot

- residential areas subject to development pressure.
- o Commercial and residential design guidelines are included.
- o Plan has a development review checklist for the evaluation of future proposals.
- FNCCC recommended the draft on December 19, 2013.
- Subsequent revision updated land use recommendations in vicinity of Polaris amphitheater to designation of Regional Mixed Use rather than Community Mixed Use. This change was also approved by the FNCCC.

Chair Fitzpatrick asked about community engagement. Wheeler explained that while staff changes during the process made for a longer than ideal timeframe, the FNCCC had been involved along the way. The effort included public meetings and stakeholder interviews. Jack Cooley moved to approve the Far North Plan, John Ingwerson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

General Updates

Mr. Wheeler indicated that the West Franklinton Plan, following up on the work done in East Franklinton and the University District Plan are currently underway. The University Plan, being the first to cover the entire district and intended to replace existing policy guidance for the area, has proven to be a complex project due to the unique nature of the area. Wheeler outlined the emerging plan recommendations in response to commission interest in and questions about the effort. Wheeler stated that a Brice-Tussing Market Analysis and update to the Northwest Plan are also on the docket moving forward

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.