VIII. Community Engagement Overview

The applicant and their consultant team are committed to extensive community engagement with the hope of garnering support from the West Wash Park Neighborhood Association (WWPNA) for the proposed rezoning to U-MX-3. Community engagement is ongoing, and this portion of the application will be updated accordingly as conversations continue. In addition to the outreach to WWPNA noted below, the applicant and its consultant team will be individually contacting neighbors across the alley to the east on Pennsylvania St. It's also worth noting the applicant team has briefed Councilwoman Alvidrez, the District 7 representative, to brief her on the merits of the proposed rezoning.

Outreach Timeline

April 17, 2024 – Peter Wall with Wall Kane Consulting emails WWNPA leadership to ask for the opportunity to brief the RNO's Zoning Committee on the rezoning proposal.

May 1, 2024 – Peter Wall reaches out again to WWNPA leadership to ask for the opportunity to brief the RNO's Zoning Committee on the rezoning proposal.

May 2, 2024 – Linda Fabrizio with WWPNA provides Peter Wall and Austin Kane with contact information for Kathryn Fontaine, one of the Co-Chairs for WWPA's Zoning Committee.

May 6, 2024 – Austin Kane emails Kathryn Fontaine about presenting to WWPNA's Zoning Committee.

May 6, 2024 – Kathryn Fontaine invites the applicant team to present to WWPNA's Zoning Committee on May 28th.

May 6, 2024 – Austin Kane confirms the applicant team will present the rezoning proposal to WWPNA's Zoning Committee on May 28th.

May 28, 2024 – Members from the applicant team, including the property owner/developer Adam Fenton present to WWPNA's Zoning Committee. Three WWNPA Zoning Committee members were present: Kathryn Fontaine, Jonathan Edwards and Linda Fabrizio. The applicant team provided committee members with an overview of the rezoning request, noting the proposed plan under U-MX-3 would mean greater setbacks along the alley to the east, similar height and fewer units. Committee members had questions regarding proposed residential product types, parking, traffic, vehicular access along Buchtel Blvd and alley setbacks. At the end of the conversation, committee members expressed general support for the proposal, understanding the proposed zoning would limit impacts to the surrounding neighborhood and foster a more compatible project. Committee members expressed the desire to enter into a good neighbor agreement (GNA) to solidify developer commitments such as height and use. It was agreed that the applicant team would put together a first draft of items to be included in the GNA.