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City Plan Commission
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee
Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation

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CITY PLAN COMMISSION --

Resolution amending Article V Section 2 of the City Plan Commission bylaws related to notice provisions for public hearings held by the Commission.

- Analysis -

This resolution amends the public hearing notice provisions contained in Article V of the City Plan Commission bylaws to provide that notice shall be provided to residents and businesses in addition to owners of property within 200 feet of property under consideration for rezoning.

- Body -

Whereas, Chapter 295-307 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances sets forth the process for zoning map amendments, and section 295-307-3-d states that the City Plan Commission ("CPC") shall hold a public hearing on any proposed map amendment and provide notice of that public hearing according to the Commission's bylaws; and

Whereas, Article V of the CPC bylaws currently state that written notice of zoning map amendment hearings shall be provided to petitioners, to owners of property under consideration for rezoning, and to owners of property immediately surrounding and within 200 feet thereof; and

Whereas, On July 30, 2019, the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee adopted Resolution #190098 declaring racism a public health crisis and directing all city departments to utilize racial equity analysis to adjust internal practices and procedures to ensure they are promoting equity and access to services; and

Whereas, The Planning Division of the Department of City Development has carried out a racial equity analysis to identify potential barriers to participation in neighborhood planning and other activities carried out by the Division; and

Whereas, There are significant racial disparities in homeownership within the City of Milwaukee, where 54% of white households are homeowners, compared to 27% of Black households and 36% of Latino households; and

Whereas, One of the recommendations contained within DCD Planning's implementation plan to reduce barriers to participation in neighborhood planning was to expand the public hearing notice mailing procedures to include renters and business owners within 200 feet as well as property owners, recognizing that this will allow for additional stakeholders to receive notice of potential land use changes impacting their neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the City Plan Commission of Milwaukee that Article V Section 2 of the bylaws of the Commission are amended as follows:



Section 2. Written notice of zoning map hearings by mail or personal service shall be provided to: a.) petitioners b.) owners of property under consideration for rezoning c.) owners of property immediately surrounding and within at least 200 feet thereof, inclusive of streets and alleys, and d.) residential and business addresses within 200 feet thereof, inclusive of streets and alleys. Information contained within current municipal records shall be used for the purposes of providing notice to property owners.

Further Resolved, That Planning Division staff shall follow these updated notice procedures when carrying out the public hearing notice process for future City Plan Commission meetings.

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