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MEMORANDUM

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To: Planning Commission

From: Paul Stewart, Deputy Planning Director

Subject: Comments from the Audience

Some Planning Commission members raised the question of whether speakers addressing the Planning Commission should state their addresses as well as their names. The current Rules of Procedure adopted by the Planning Commission last year require speakers to indicate their addresses.

The City Council was presented with this issue at a study session. Concerns regarding privacy and safety had been expressed regarding the addresses becoming part of the public record. The Council ultimately decided not to require speakers either to state their address information or to include it on the "items from the audience" sign-up sheet; the sheet does still ask for city/neighborhood, however speakers may also address the Council without signing up.

From staff's perspective, while it is not critical, it is useful to have addresses given the nature of land use and zoning issues that come before the Commission that are usually property-specific. It does help in responding to issues and crafting policies or regulations to have an understanding of the speaker's proximity to the properties being considered on such issues as height, density, access, buffering, etc.

If the Commission wishes to amend the rules, staff could bring those back at a future meeting.