



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WEDGE NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC AND CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 5:00 pm City Council Chambers
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, 1st Floor

WHAT IS BEING CONSIDERED?

The Planning Commission is considering the creation of a historic special review district and a conservation district in “the Wedge Neighborhood.” On June 27, 2008, residents of the neighborhood requested the neighborhood be designated as a historic district. On July 22, 2009, the Landmarks Preservation Commission recommended to the Planning Commission the creation of a historic special review district, surrounded by several conservation district areas. The Planning Commission has expanded the boundaries under consideration (see map at right).

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING?

The Planning Commission is seeking public comment on these potential zoning changes. You received this notice because you are a taxpayer with property within the proposed districts or within 400 feet of the districts or you are part of a group that has been identified as an interested party. Please note, the proposed changes will affect how properties within these areas develop in the future.

WHAT ARE HISTORIC SPECIAL REVIEW AND CONSERVATION DISTRICTS?

A historic special review district establishes guidelines for design of new construction and modifications to existing buildings, and a process for reviewing these changes through the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Properties within a historic district may also be eligible for certain tax benefits. Conservation districts provide a buffer between the historic district and adjacent development through the use of guidelines for new construction and protections for historic structures.



WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Additional information, including the complete text of the proposed revisions, associated maps, the staff report and the environmental determination, is available from the Community and Economic Development Department at the address to the right, at all branches of the Tacoma Public Library, and on the Planning Division website:

www.cityoftacoma.org/planning

(then click on "Wedge Neighborhood Historic District")

HOW DO I PROVIDE COMMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION?

You can testify at the hearing or provide written comments using the return address on this card no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 26, 2010 or by facsimile at (253) 591-2002 or via e-mail at planning@cityoftacoma.org

If you have additional questions please feel free to contact Reuben McKnight, the City's Historic Preservation Officer, at:

(253) 591-5220

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City has made a preliminary determination that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and has issued a preliminary Determination of Environmental Non-Significance after review of a completed environmental checklist, a copy of which is available upon request. Comments on the preliminary determination must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 26, 2010**. The City may reconsider or modify the preliminary determination in light of timely comments. The preliminary determination will become final on April 2, 2010, unless modified.

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