

Community Meeting Summary

BRASELTON DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE

DECEMBER 4-25, 2020

An drop-in online community meeting was hosted from December 4-25, 2020. The meeting consisted of an introductory presentation that summarized the Comprehensive Plan context and introduced the Code Update process and some of the bigger policy issues it involves. The intro presentation received more than 70 views, and 53 people provided their feedback on a series of policy questions that will help shape the direction of the Code Update.

>> COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS

- Most people were happy with existing standards
- No clear direction was provided on whether design standards should be applied to all commercial development town-wide
- Most people did not indicate a preference on how strict commercial standards should be

>> RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS

- Many people supported the idea of implementing town-wide, moderately strict residential design standards

>> RESIDENTIAL DENSITY

- A number of responses supported changes to the PUD district and limits on apartment development

>> NEW HOME SIZE

- Most people wanted to keep minimum home sizes as they are or allow high-quality smaller homes in some zoning districts

>> OPEN SPACE

- A number of responses supported the idea of requiring minimum amounts of open space for new development

>> CONSERVATION SUBDIVISIONS

- No clear direction was provided on this issue

>> TREES

- Most people supported the idea of requiring some tree preservation in new developments

>> PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS (PUDs)

- No clear direction was provided on this issue

>> VARIANCES & REZONING CONDITIONS

- A number of options were supported relating to clarifying and codifying variances and rezoning conditions

>> DOWNTOWN ZONING

- Most people supported the idea of updating the downtown zoning

>> SIDEWALKS

- No clear direction was provided on this issue

>> SIGNAGE

- A number of people indicated that existing signs and sign regulations are appropriate, but no clear direction was provided