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Memo

TO: Members of the Architectural Review Board
FROM: Steve Langworthy, Director of Land Use and Long Range Planning
DATE: April 27, 2011
RE: **Architectural Review Board Annual Items of Interest 2010-2011
Historic Dublin Design Guidelines Update**

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SUMMARY

The Architectural Review Board identified the *Historic Dublin Design Guidelines Update* as one of their high priority items on their 2010-2011 Annual Items of Interest. The description of this item was:

Historic Dublin Design Guidelines Update

Update the Guidelines in order to provide more direction and information on appropriate elements for the District. The proposed Zoning Code update will likely incorporate elements of the current Historic Dublin Design Guidelines that are appropriate for regulatory language. Review of recent cases has identified the need for clearer criteria on what is appropriate for use in the District and to the different types of architectural style.

At the February 23, 2011 ARB meeting, Planning presented questions to the Board to better understand the intended objectives for updating the *Guidelines*. Planning suggested the Board examine the use, content, and potential form of revision of the *Guidelines*, before discussing specific language. The Board determined the *Guidelines* would be most beneficial as a handbook which provides information to residents and property/business owners to assist them with renovations, additions, and other changes to their properties. The regulations applicable to the District will be relocated into the appropriate sections of the Bridge Street Code.

The *Guidelines* currently include a range of general topics which cover foundations and exterior materials and colors, commercial buildings, outbuildings, new construction and additions, signs, etc. At the same time, they address detailed topics such as doors, entrances, porches, windows, gutters, downspouts, etc. Several examples of other communities with historic districts have been provided to get a sense of what topics are addressed, to what level of detail and how the topics are organized.

The Board may wish to discuss what topics should be addressed, how they should be addressed and to what level of detail, as well as what new topics might be useful, such as sustainable materials and practices.

RECOMMENDATION

The Architectural Review Board analyze the current *Historic Dublin Design Guidelines* and the provided examples for discussion and come prepared to discuss what elements of the *Guidelines* should be maintained and what elements from the provided examples could be incorporated into the update. The Board may wish to explore how other communities addressed sustainable materials and practices in their historic districts and come prepared to discuss what elements should be included in the updated *Guidelines*.