



Public Process On Fairhaven Plans

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Hi Nicole and Jeff. I received the email with the Fairhaven draft last week. I noticed the continuing public process dates and ask that you consider holding at least two of those public process meetings at later dates. Up to now you have done an excellent job of public process on these matters, but I believe your dates for the process before the Historic Preservation and Transportation Commissions are too early in the year (considering when the draft was distributed for review) for meaningful review by merchants. The Fairhaven merchants are busiest from Thanksgiving to early January, they will not have time to review the draft docs thoroughly and discuss/meet to provide meaningful input considering the dates of the two meetings I noted. The MNAC meeting on this is scheduled later, January 18, which at least gives a couple of weeks for study after the retail rush.

You have done so much so well on this very complicated matter, please do not now rush the public process and open the door for focus on rushed timelines that may not be reasonable for some stakeholders.

Tom