DT Code Update Subcommittee – White Paper #10
Meeting 6/6/2022 at 3p.m. SEED Lab Downtown
*Please note that this meeting will be both in-person and online*

Overview
➢ At the May 9, 2022 meeting, the working group discussed ROW improvements, design standards, frontage requirements, wind, and glazing. Discussion highlights:
  • Conversation of MOA ROW needs with Melinda Tsu
  • Discussion of a gradual investment fund that developments pay into to cover the costs of infrastructure costs done on a larger scale post-development.
  • Consideration of zoning code in Denver, CO, and Knoxville, TN.
  • Discussion of wind study requirements, including the costs of bringing in a wind firm like RWDI.
  • Discussion of creating a table of activation options and require that a minimum percentage of the street frontage is activated per adjacent road classification
  • General agreement that compiling glazing, building articulation, and other street frontage treatments into a single table will be more efficient than the current code, easier to implement, and easier for planning to review, without sacrificing the main goal of creating a good street-level experience for pedestrians.

➢ On May 16, 2022, four members of the group walked around downtown to take pictures and discuss challenges/opportunities of the proposed standards.

Current Tasks
Please consider the following and bring any questions or comments to the meeting:
1. Review the Downtown Work Group’s 5.16.2022 Subcommittee Report (attached)
2. Review the code section related to design standards and consider glazing, building articulation, and other street frontage treatments (including safety approach visibility).

Discussion items
1. Should glazing be in the table, or a standard? Window visibility into somewhere?
2. Building entrances: How many (usable) entrances per lineal foot?
3. What should be required for visibility into building recessions? (lighting a potential answer)

We will discuss housing and multi-family design standards at a subsequent meeting.

Attachments
☐ Code section related to design standards (DT_WP#10a.docx)

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Monday, Jun 6, 2022 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
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