

Calgary Planning Commission Member Comments



For CPC2021-1641 / LOC2021-0161
heard at Calgary Planning Commission
Meeting 2022 January 06



Member	Reasons for Decision or Comments
<p>Commissioner Tiedemann</p>	<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of Council, items 5.2-5.9 on the January 6 CPC Agenda were placed on the Consent Agenda for a reason. They are extremely simple applications, smartly positioned in established communities and represent the absolute smallest increases in density. Land use amendments to R-C2 and R-CG are not even modest density increases, they are barely perceptible increases. It is extremely disheartening to see members of CPC remove such basic applications from the consent agenda due to unfounded opposition. Opposition to land use amendments from R-C1 to R-C2 is the textbook definition of NIMBYism and demonstrates a fundamental lack of understanding with regards to smart city growth. <p>If council is truly committed to meeting the 50/50 growth target outlined in the MDP, or coming even remotely close to such a target, these types of applications are the <u>very bare minimum</u> we <u>need</u> to be approving. While I do agree that several areas of the city require updates to their current high level planning documents (i.e. old ARPs), we cannot halt the progress of these minor applications which add marginal density through the replacement of old single family housing stock. If there are ongoing concerns (from communities and council) regarding required updates to community level planning documents, then council should take a stand and provide adequate funding and resources for the completion of more Local Area Plans (LAPs) in the areas of concern. In the absence of new LAPs, spot zoning is the <u>only</u> option for adding density to sites. If the city is committed to hitting smart, sustainable growth targets, we also cannot hold up minor land use amendment applications while we wait for new, underfunded LAPs to be completed.</p>