

Calgary Planning Commission Member Comments



For CPC2022-1315 / LOC2022-0139 heard at
Calgary Planning Commission
Meeting 2022 December 15



Member	Reasons for Decision or Comments
Commissioner Tiedemann	<p>Reasons for Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very simple R-C1 to R-C2 application close to a park. This type of land use change is so small I believe it should be allowed by right.
Commissioner Hawryluk	<p>Reasons for Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council approved a building of this size (10m height, 45% lot coverage) with the same fundamental use (housing) in this location when it approved the R-C1 Land Use District. This application would add doors to that approved building. I see this as appropriate. <p>Change can be difficult. Yet, blocking infill housing — especially buildings that are the same size as those, which Council has already approved — does not reduce demand for housing in Calgary. When people fight new housing, those with the least power often lose: new houses get pushed to where people cannot fight them as effectively, which tends to be where poorer people, often renters, live. This process contributes to displacement. Council might consider how to avoid displacing Calgarians.</p> <p>Michael Manville from UCLA makes an observation that is relevant to this application, “Zoning ... lets us decide if we want rising land values to manifest as more housing units (development), or more concentrated housing wealth (the same number of units, but each one getting more expensive).”</p>