Calgary Planning Commission Member Comments

Calgary	For CPC2019-0704 heard at Calgary Planning Commission Meeting 2019 June 06
Member	Reasons for Decision or Comments
Commissioner Juan	 Comments I appreciate the applicant referencing building net-zero to combat climate change. I further support the M-CG on this site. I take issue with the narrative, with respect to the neighbours in the applicant's submission. The Community Association and community residents have local knowledge and are context experts. Characterizing them as "mature community neighbours who are not engaged in realizing that their community no longer being suburban but inner city" is unfair. Engagement is about a conversation, not a chance to call communities protectionist. I hope the applicant shifts from this attitude and engagement strategy.
Commissioner Scott	 Reasons for Approval Support the proposed redesignation on the basis that the proposal represents an appropriate land use and potential development form at this location. Some of the comments and rationale apparently made at a meeting with neighbouring property owners as cited by Kelvin Hamilton Architecture in the "Community Meeting Report" (Attachment 2 to the CPC Report) raise concerns as to this applicant's approach in working with neighbours in this instance. This applicant is encouraged to pose questions to stakeholders that are relevant or at least somehow linked to the proposed application at hand. For example, as posed, "Do you believe that Global Warming is an important issue that we should be paying more attention to with the aim to reduce greenhouse emissions?" lacks context or relevance to the application at hand and could be viewed as misleading. The applicant may wish to discuss their general approach to community engagement with Community Planning staff to refine/ adjust with the aim of a more sensitive, relevant and effective engagement approach in future.