

## Mads Odom

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**From:** Glen Colwell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 28, 2023 12:32 PM  
**To:** Dan Tangney; Joel Yodowitz; Matthew Simmons; Scott Davies; Judith Mayer  
**Cc:** Joe Mateer; Delo Freitas  
**Subject:** Question and request for map: Status of upzoning density in six Arcata neighborhoods

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Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am reaching out to get a better understand of the current status of proposed upzoning of six Arcata neighborhoods, including the Sunset neighborhood where I live.

I believe this proposal (?) (implementation measure?) May have been approved in the form quoted below. If so, can someone please provide a link to the adopted language?

I have also been requesting a map, including street names, of the affected neighborhoods showing areas within each neighborhood that would be changed from R-L to R-H density. Have not been able to locate anything on the City website.

I'd greatly appreciate a response from someone on this email

From the city website;

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### Land Use

#### Suggested Consent Approval

1. I propose adding the Sunset Neighborhood to the implementation measure I introduced at a previous land use element meeting and setting a timeline on that implementation measure of 2 years.
  - a. The sunset neighborhood has many of the same qualities that make it suitable for allowing increased density and mixed uses as the Bayview, Arcata Heights, and Northtown neighborhoods. This is also a direct suggestion from members of the public. The planning commission should consider the merits of up-zoning and allowing mixed use in that neighborhood in the future as well.
  - b. This implementation measure should be drafted as follows:
    - i. City staff shall bring before the planning commission a proposed rezone to allow mixed uses and more housing in current R-L neighborhoods within walking distance of the plaza and Cal Poly Humboldt
1. The Bayview, Northtown, Arcata Heights, and Sunset neighborhoods currently only permit low density housing despite being within walking distance of downtown and/or Cal Poly Humboldt. Staff shall develop a plan to upzone these neighborhoods in line with the Strategic Infill Redevelopment Program and bring the plan back to the planning commission for consideration within 2 years.
  - a. Responsible Party: Community Development b. Time Frame: Year 2"

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Thank you.  
Glen Colwell  
[REDACTED]

On May 21, 2023, at 9:56 AM, gcolwell [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Joe and Delo,

As a property owner and homeowner in Arcata I've been following the GP and Gateway plan process with interest, trepidation and cautious optimism. So many changes happening in out town right now.

I'm highly interested in an update on the possible future zoning changes proposal to increase density in six of Arcata's neighborhoods, including the Sunset neighborhood where I live.

Searching the City website on the issue brought up the map attached below which is only a placeholder.

Can either of you briefly tell me the current status of this upzoning proposal?

Can you provide a map showing the specific areas in the Sunset that are being proposed for high density infill, that also shows street names?

I know there's a lot on everyone's plate, greatly appreciate your assistance with this!

Best regards,

Glen Colwell

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**From:** Fred [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2023 1:36 PM  
**To:** David Loya; Scott Davies; Dan Tangney; Judith Mayer; Peter Lehman; Matthew Simmons; Joel Yodowitz; Sarah Schaefer; Meredith Matthews; Kimberley White  
**Subject:** Fwd: When will we see the draft Form-Based Code?

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To: Community Development Director David Loya.  
Planning Commission Chair Scott Davies, Commissioners Tangney, Mayer, Lehman, Simmons, Yodowitz.  
Mayor Schaefer, Vice-Mayor Matthews, Councilmember White.  
From: Fred Weis  
Date: Friday, June 2, 2023

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Hello --

**There has been no response so I am writing again.**

At the previous Planning Commission "special" meeting on May 23, the review timeline (packet page 12) **did not show dates** for the Form-Based Code review.

The Engagement Calendar on the City's SIRP Engagement Information page **now does show** dates for the Form-Based Code review sessions -- at the June 13 and June 27 meetings.

**The public would like to know** -- to repeat:

(And I would think the Planning Commission would like to know too.)

1. **When will we see the draft of the Form-Based Code?** A by-when date, please.
2. ~~When is the Planning Commission scheduled to review and discuss this draft?~~ Dates, please.

In connection with the Commission's discussion of the Form-Based Code there are associated questions, including:

- a) **Will there be a time period of, say, a couple of weeks, between the time we see the draft FBC and the time it is discussed.**  
Or is the intention to have it be in an agenda packet on Friday, to be discussed at a regular meeting the following Tuesday.
- b) ~~How many meetings are proposed for the discussion.~~
- c) Is the intention for the current "Framework" to be utilized in the discussion of the draft FBC, whereby the Commissioners submit their comments and they are compiled, prior to the meeting.

d) Will the public be contributing to this discussion -- not just through written comments and in-meeting communication, but in a recognized, compiled format of community input.

**Please respond.** Thank you.

-- Fred Weis

----- Below sent Thursday, May 25, 7:59 a.m. -----

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Fred** [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, May 25, 2023 at 7:59 AM

Subject: When will we see the draft Form-Based Code?

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From: Fred Weis

Date: May 25, 2023

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