

ITEM NO. 9 AMENDMENTS TO SMARTCODE; ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS (DDW)

TA-5-8-09: Consider Text Amendments to various sections of the Lawrence SmartCode to revise the architectural standards.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Mr. Dan Warner presented the item.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Harris asked how the guidelines will be used.

Mr. Warner said they will be applied at the site plan stage.

Mr. McCullough said the guidelines would be addressed in the final site planning stage but this exercise made them more flexible in the language and does connote that they are guidelines and there is intent to meet values versus strict language.

Mr. Finkeldei asked if any potential applicants have inquired about using the SmartCode.

Mr. Warner said there have only been conversations on one particular project.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Hird, seconded by Commissioner Finkeldei, to approve the proposed amendments [TA-5-8-09 to revise the architectural standards of the Lawrence SmartCode] and forward to the City Commission. The sections being amended are 21-500.1.4, 21-500.1.5, 21-500.1.8, 21-500.3.5, 21-500.4.5, 21-500.5.5, and 21-500.6.5.

Commissioner Harris expressed concern about changing this but did like the idea of building in more flexibility for different styles of architecture.

Commissioner Hird asked staff to respond to Kirk McClure's letter that indicates that the architectural requirements are being made into guidelines and taking the teeth out of the SmartCode.

Mr. Warner said the architectural standards are not integral to the Code. The form standards of the Code are key and they are not being taken out. The architectural standards are meant to be plugged in or taken out.

Unanimously approved 9-0, with Student Commissioner Shelton voting in the affirmative.