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RE: FORM-BASED ZONING CODE WORKSHOP

You are invited to attend a Form-Based Zoning Code Workshop on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 S. Cortez Street, Prescott.

The guest speaker is Mr. Roger Eastman, Zoning Administrator for the City of Flagstaff; and, Mr. Matt Ackerman, Catalyst Architecture, will facilitate the workshop. An overview of Form-Based Zoning Codes will be presented with a question and answer segment to follow.

Please RSVP to Kathy Dudek, Community Development Department, (928) 777-1205.

Sincerely,

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Jack D. Wilson
Mayor

"We don't beat the reaper by living longer, but by living well, and living fully — for the reaper will come for all of us. The question is: what do we do between the time we're born and the time he shows up" Randy Pausch



FORM-BASED ZONING CODES FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)

1. What are form-based codes?

Answer: Form-based codes create a predictable public space by primarily controlling physical form, with lesser focus on land use, through city or county regulations.

2. Why would a form-based code be easier to understand?

Answer: The focus on building and street design in form-based codes allows graphics and photos instead of lengthy, repetitive text to explain the details of zoning requirements.

3. Will zoning districts go away if form-based codes are established?

Answer: No. Form-based codes/zoning is defined around districts, neighborhoods and corridors where conventional (today's) zoning districts may bear no relationship to the transportation framework or the larger area.

4. If 'uses' are no longer regulated, then what do form-based codes regulate?

Answer: Form-based codes de-emphasize today's density and use requirements in favor of building form. The form-based codes recognize that 'uses' may change over time, but the building will endure.

5. Does a form-based code deal with anything other issue than physical building standards?

Answer: Yes. When utilizing form-based codes, greater attention is given to streetscape and the design of the public spaces as well as the role of individual buildings in shaping those public spaces. Form-based codes recognize how critical these public spaces are to defining and creating a 'place'.

6. How as an average citizen will I be able to participate in having a 'say' in what this new form-based code looks like?

Answer: A public participation process is essential to assure thorough discussion of land use issues as the code is created. Citizens will be involved from the very beginning of the process all the way up to the end.

