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Subject: FW: MHNA Informational Stakeholders Meeting re: proposed Form-Based Zoning Code for McKinney's Town Center area]
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Travis & Guy,

I won't be able to make the meeting Tue eve but would like to pitch in my 2 cents worth. I do like the form based zoning ideas & the plans I've heard for the Town Centre.

I would like to see wide sidewalks, green space with native trees & plants & pocket parks incorporated into the design. If buildings are close to the street with minimum set back, we need to find a way to keep the air fresh & bring in nature, sticking with our city's theme of "unique by nature".

I like the idea of mixed use but cohesive face to the street kind of architecture. As a real estate investor I also like the idea of mixed density housing near each other. Having apartments, single family homes and duplexes near each other creates more diversity in the neighborhood than do cookie cutter homes or strip malls. The Historic District is the one area in McKinney (I think) where you find welfare/Section 8 folks on the same block as the \$500K+ homes. A cross section approximatly reflective of McKinney as a whole with financial, racial, and cultural diversity all living as neighbors and walking down the street together. That is one of the reasons I want to stay in the Historic District forever.

I like to be able to walk or ride my bike and get my business done at the same time. I bought a backpack style purse especially so that I could carry things around with me and not need to take my car everytime I left the house. Living and working in the Historic District, I can ride to the McKinney Office Supply, pay my water bill, get a chai (where you both see me frequently at Coffee 2), buy a soda at a convience store, meet a friend for lunch, catch a play or hear the Community Band play, mail a letter, attend Church, stop in at the library... There's so much I can get to within a mile of my home and business. I LOVE it.

I am so glad I moved my family from a typical suburban neighborhood in McKinney into the Historic District several years ago. My children appreciate the mix in people and architecture also and say they never again want to live in a neighborhood with multiple versions of the same house.

Hope it goes well tomorrow night!

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