

Q&A Report: City of Santa Cruz Community Meeting Citywide Zoning Updates

#	Question	Asker Name	Answer	Answer Name
1	I would like to see an example of what you consider good design on the eastside especially OCean St.	Deborah Marks	<i>Live Answered</i>	Matthew VanHua
2	Are you meaning variances, when you say variations?	Anonymous Attendee	<i>Live Answered</i>	Matthew VanHua
3	I have been disappointed to see several projects where developers are cutting back on open space requirements. Open space is important for the residents.	Anonymous Attendee	<i>Live Answered</i>	Bennett Williamson
4	Why not simplify the requirements? Many/most of these requirements can be waived via density bonus law, so if they're costly or otherwise reduce the feasibility of a bulding, developers probably won't follow these requiremets anyways. What incentives are you considering for these designs to have developers opt into them when they always have the option to opt out of them via SDBL?	Rafa Sonnenfeld (he/him)	<i>Live Answered</i>	Sarah Neuse
5	Whatever you can do to encourage a different style from the "5 over 1 podium" style that so many people hate will be met with community relief.	Anonymous Attendee	Building forms are always influenced by a number of factors - both regulatory and in the market. We are doing what we can to ensure that the new buildings we get reflect high-quality urban design.	Sarah Neuse
6	Developers don't seem to realize that the city's Heritage Tree ordinance requires them to design a project to retain the heritage trees.	Anonymous Attendee	They get reviewed for that and will be required to comply with the City's ordinance to the greatest extent possible under the various governing state laws.	Sarah Neuse
7	How can the city better utilize/allow the california historic building code be used to facilitate commercial uses for historic buidings?	Rafa Sonnenfeld (he/him)	<i>Live Answered</i>	Sarah Neuse
8	Can you explain why Historial Preservation will only apply to Mission Street and not other areas of the City. Are There no other important Hitorical buildings in other parts of the city	Deborah Marks	<i>Live Answered</i>	Matthew VanHua
9	Is there anythgine in the new OS changes that will help any protection of neighborhoods along Ocean and Water SDt	Deborah Marks	<i>Live Answered</i>	Matthew VanHua