

Docket 3602 - Promises at 2016 Town Meeting

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Transcript Town Meeting 2016

...If you look it's a little unclear on the map but the second line on our key here is **B2 neighborhood business district** and these are interspersed throughout town. They are traditionally small businesses districts with smaller businesses. **You won't see major developments going in in this kind of a district.**

Any use that comes in to a neighborhood has to comply with what's already permitted in that district, and it also has to be within the character of the neighborhood.

Part of the reason that the ARB has decided to keep special permit review over this is so that it can be ensured that we're protecting neighborhoods from being overrun and seeing that Palo Alto effect that the other speaker talked about. It is important to us that there is some review over these projects from the beginning so that we're not seeing monstrosity x' come into town and seeing the kind of things that people don't want. It is an open process, the special permit is a collaborative open process where people there do have the opportunity to come in and state their

case and advise the ARB on how we should be voting and what projects we should be looking. **At what projects we should say, maybe it's time to go back to the drawing board and come back with something a little more appropriate for the neighborhood**

...Again the the use has to fit **the neighborhood as to what's already allowed under zoning and it will be the ARB. whether it's the current crop or any future crop** will be committed to the special permit review, the environmental design review. We look at all impacts not just an architect's rendering but we welcome and support input from the community so that they can come in and say I don't think that this this project necessarily fits my neighborhood, I don't think it's appropriate, and we can we can tell that to the developers. You know that's that's your opportunity to come in and speak your mind. It's a long process.

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It has to fit within the permitted use. A parking garage won't be permitted in there before parking garage isn't permitted. Residential on top of a gas station won't be permitted if that use is not already permitted. **It has to fit what's already allowed under zoning and it has to fit within the character of the neighborhood being considered...**