

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Assembly Chambers
7:00 PM
MEETING DATE: July 17, 2012**

- 1. Public Comment regarding Chapter 12 of the Comp Plan**
 - Email from Ed Foster

Benjamin Lyman

From: Ed Foster
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 5:13 PM
To: Benjamin Lyman; Kirk Duncan
Cc: Chad 'Kit' Watts; Hazel Reynolds; Greg Chaney
Subject: RE: time to meet

Ben,
I have some concerns about a couple of these;

12.9 – DG2 This Guideline leads residents to believe it's ok to landscape CBJ ROW, and it is not. Many of our ROWs are open ditch that requires us to clean out once in a while and private residential landscape that encroaches on the ROW often prevents us from properly cleaning these ditches. Also things like residential landscape retaining walls encroaching on the ROW presents another set of issues. I can understand you don't want to tie the hands of planning projects like Main St. but we CANNOT send the message it's OK for residents to landscape CBJ ROW. Maybe say There will be no landscaping in the CBJ ROW without written permission.?

12.10 – DG1 While this wording may work for down town, or other business districts, it is not what we strive for in residential areas, which make up a vast majority of our road ways. On street parking in residential areas is discouraged and being eliminated. Putting a landscaped buffer between the roadway and pedestrian path creates an additional challenge for snow removal. When I can understand it's better to create a buffer between pedestrians and traffic on roadways of higher speeds, in housing areas where speed limit is 20 mph, it makes more sense to provide the snow storage capacity behind the sidewalk, both Operationally and cost of construction. In California it wouldn't matter, but where we are trying to clear snow a good portion of the year, it's a big deal. Pedestrian paths aren't very useful if we can't get the snow off of them.

Thanks, Ed
