



*City of Peoria*  
*Economic Development Services Department*

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Development Forum  
Summary of Discussions  
February 9, 2011

Building Development Division  
Site Development Division  
Fire Protection Division

**Top 3 Wish List**

1. Guaranteed Review Timeframes

- Staff has target workflow turnaround goal
- Posted on website
- It could be difficult with current staff level if review volume/project size increases
- Budget/Council aware of possible future needs
- Hesitant to use contract services (inconsistent timeframes and quality)

Staff Response: As always, City staff makes every effort to meet the needs of the development community. But it must be recognized that we can not control spikes in activity at any given time which could result in the review timeframes not being able to be met.

2. Consider going back to 5 day work week

- Overall not bad to work with (concerned about when permitting increases)
- Sometimes utility clearances not received by utility companies on Thursdays.

Staff Response: One of the primary reasons for the City going to the 4/10 work week is the favorable response of City of Peoria residents to have the expanded day for doing business. We are continually evaluating our citizen's usage versus the current needs of developers.

3. Electronic Plan Submittals

- Would be nice feature
- Planned for future, currently financial and staffing barriers.

Staff Response: Definitely will be a direction the Development group will take when funding becomes available

### Preliminary Plats

-Takes a long time

Proposal: Pay for pre apps and get good feedback

-Get improved/detailed information for pre apps to get more specific comments

### Concerns:

When development permitting increases, can development departments maintain turnaround times?

Have commitment from Sr. Management and Council that staff levels will be provided if increase is consistent

### Using Contract Services:

Developers expressed concerns that they do not provide quality services

Department Position: only use as absolute last resort

### Summary:

Participants expressed appreciation for Development Forum opportunities. Participants expressed that it is great to have two-sided conversations.

1. Issues developers deal with
2. Issues City staff deals with