

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MEMO**

**For Planning Commission Meeting of September 14, 2021**

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Brett Lenart, Planning Manager

**SUBJECT:** A2Zero and Unified Development Code goals

The City Planning Commission has expressed interest in advancing numerous sustainability goals both generally, and in the context of specific development proposals. Often, there are questions regarding how progress toward these goals can be made at the Planning Commission, despite some aspects being focused on operational approaches, building systems, or other aspects of a building that extend from the more traditional purviews of zoning (e.g. building use, location, mass, height, etc.).

I feel that as Planning Manager I have struggled in effectively communicating with the Planning Commission the challenges associated, and/or to find the ways or methodologies that the Commission desires to explore in the areas of energy usage/restriction, building system specification, or other aspects of site development.

This is intended to begin Planning Commission work to identify goals and corresponding actions that will help to advance those areas of interest based on established Comprehensive Plan goals in the City. To assist in this discussion, I'm grateful that the following City staff have offered to attend and answer questions from their perspectives:

- Glen Dempsey, Building Official
- Zachary Waas Smith, Sustainability, and Innovation Engagement Specialist

Please let me know if you have any questions in advance of our discussion on Tuesday, 9/14 that would help move us toward progress.