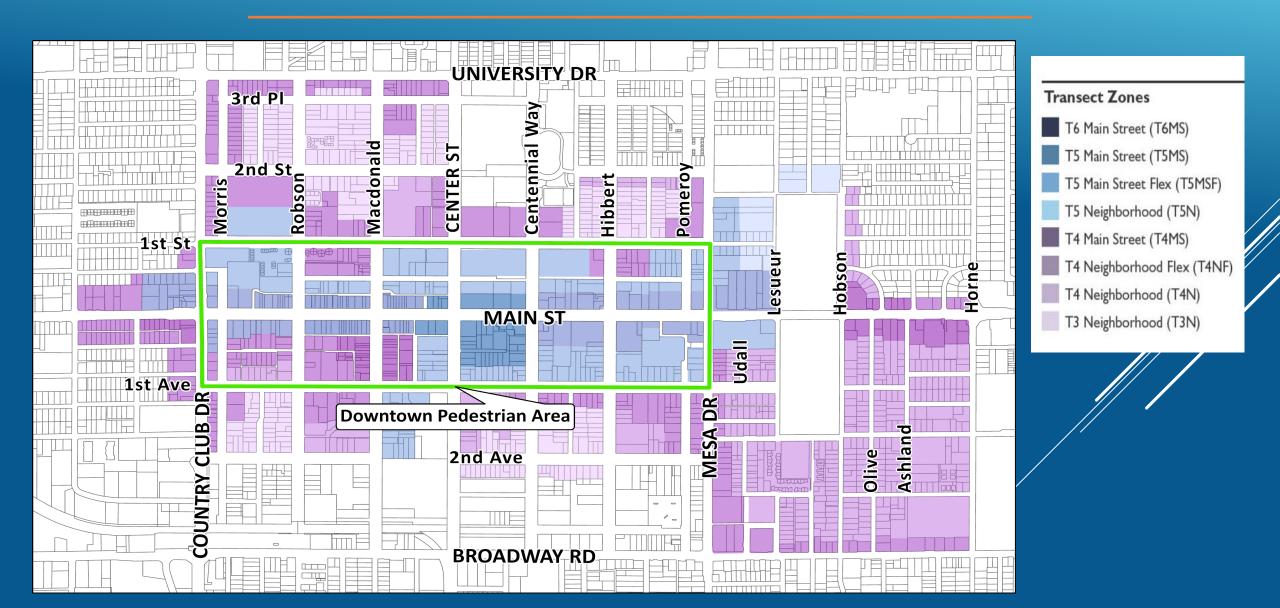
Form-Based Code Minor Amendments

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Background

- Form-Based Code adopted in 2012
 - A means of facilitating land development to achieve a specific urban form
- Guiding Principles
 - Foster predictable built results and a high-quality public realm
 - Focus on physical form rather than separation of uses
 - Proactive and reward adherence to the community vision
 - Revitalization of neighborhoods
- Utilization and evaluation has led to needed minor changes

Form-Based Code Area



Proposed Modifications

Administrative authority to allow minor adjustments to certain standards

Require no maximum lot depth and width for by-passed parcels

Remove requirement for floor plate above ground floors

Allow variation in the location of private open space

Proposed Modifications

 Reduce requirement for ground floor transparency in areas outside the Downtown Pedestrian Area (DPA)

 Allow increase in the distance between glazing outside the DPA

Refine definition of a by-passed parcel

Ground Floor Transparency

Current Requirements:

- ■50% minimum for live/work and commercial uses
- ■75% minimum for shopfront private frontage

Proposed Change:

- •Allow 50% minimum for development outside the DPA
- Allow the reduction with a superior building wall articulation, design, and a pedestrian-scale design

Definition of a By-Passed Parcel

Any lot or parcel which meets all of the following:

- 1. Does not exceed 2.5 net acres, and has been in its current configuration for more than 10 years; or does not exceed 5 net acres and was created by the assembly of individual, contiguous parcels, each not more than 2.5 acres in area; and
- 2. Is served by, or has direct access to, existing utility distribution facilities; and
- 3. Is surrounded by properties within a 1,200-foot radius in which:
 - a. The total developable land area is not more than 25% vacant; and
 - b. Greater than 50% of the total number of lots or parcels have been developed 15 or more years ago.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval

 Planning and Zoning Board is scheduled to consider this item on Monday, July 1, 2019

Questions/Discussion