

Meeting Participation Guidelines

1. This meeting has been convened tonight for the purpose of holding four (4) separate public hearings for the DRB to receive evidence and testimony relevant to their review of the (4) applications on the agenda. These are quasi-judicial hearings, and have specific rules of order specified in the DRB rules of procedure and state statute. These hearings have a different purpose from “public information meetings”, in that their primary purpose is not to inform and educate the public of various aspects of a proposed project. Attendees are welcome to use this proceeding to voice their support or opposition to a project, or express concerns they may have about various aspects of the project.
2. Participants must qualify as an Interested Person in order to appeal a DRB decision, which at a minimum requires that you participate in the hearing- by speaking at the hearing or by submitting comments in writing prior to the close of the hearing.
3. Please make sure you place your name and mailing address on the meeting's Interested Person List. Please write legibly. It is your responsibility to record your name and address on the Interested Person List.
4. Please raise your hand to be recognized to speak. The Board Chair will make every effort to recognize the public in the order in which hands are raised.
5. Once recognized by the Chair, please identify yourself clearly for the record.
6. The Board has a suggested time limit of 2 minutes. Please respect this and keep your comments brief and succinct. Time limits will be used when they can aid in making sure everyone is heard and sufficient time is available for the Board to conduct its business.
7. Please address your comments to the Chair. Please do not address other audience members or staff or presenters, and please do not interrupt others when they are speaking.
8. Make every effort not to repeat the points made by others. If you want to voice agreement, please do, but do not repeat points or comments previously made.
9. The Chair will make reasonable efforts to allow everyone who is interested in participating to speak once on an agenda item. Priority will be given to those have not spoken over those that already have.
10. No further comments or testimony will be accepted after the close of the hearing.
11. In order for Board Members and other members of the audience to hear speakers' remarks, side conversations between audience members should be kept to an absolute minimum. The hallway outside the meeting room is available for those who wish to continue their discussions.