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Synopsis

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City Council/Court Conference Room

54 B District Court

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m., and all members were present.

The Committee reviewed Ordinance 1384, and there was a discussion about what other types of diversity in housing types may be desirable. Visiting faculty housing and artist housing were discussed briefly.

The Condominium Master Deed for City Center Condominiums was discussed, and Irwin provided information about how various condominium associations handle rental licensing. Some restrict it altogether; others put restrictions in place such as requiring two-year leases and/or special deposits.

Current downtown demographics were discussed, and it is clear that the housing in and around the downtown is occupied primarily by students. There was a discussion about racial diversity in the downtown and if that is related to housing types.

Recent, but heavily redacted, market studies related to the Center City District project were discussed. The Committee wanted more information about what would attract residents over 55 to live in the downtown. Staff said that they would get information that has been collected by local researchers on this topic.

There was some discussion about programs in other cities, including low income housing in Chicago, condominiums in Ann Arbor, and senior housing in Ashville.

The next meeting will be April 24 at 6:30 in the Court Conference Room.