City of Worthington

Design Guidelines

Why are we having this discussion?

This is a project aimed at providing guidance to our local business community. Due to staff turnover at the City, the one entity that was not engaged was our local business community!

We are here tonight to correct that by presenting the community's ideas and listening to your feedback. This feedback will be incorporated into the final document that will be presented to the City Council for adoption.

Where did this start?

Business owners wanted to improve and maintain the visual appearance of Oxford Street, the City of Worthington's primary commercial corridor.

What do these guidelines mean for our local businesses?

Resources National developers have in-house consultants, architects and engineers. Our local business community can benefit from having a guide to help defray the costs of site design and good design.

Security There should be some reassurance that neighbors will maintain the quality of the local area for businesses that make substantial investments in their property and their buildings.

Requirements The City may decide to incorporate some of the design guideline recommendations into their official controls.

What are official controls?

City Zoning Ordinance Local City-specific regulation

Comprehensive Plan A roadmap for the future of Worthington

What are the next steps?

We will compile all the information we receive tonight and incorporate that feedback into the final version of the document. The final version will be presented to the Worthington Planning Commission March 6 and they will make a recommendation to the City Council to be considered March 12.

Format

We will now take questions or comments from the large group. After that, we will break into three stations concentrating on the public input, the specifics of the proposed guidelines and the current and future role of the City in this project.

Thank you!