

(b) Vice Mayor Donley said he has spoken to members of the Planning Commission, City Manager and Council about the policy it has regarding handling a rezoning request but only taking it up as part of the small area plan. He asked if the policy is a valid policy and is it a good policy going forward, as it can point to exceptions they have made to the policy, and if they are coming out of the recession and they get a request for a rezoning and will turn it down because its not part of a small area plan, they are not going to process it as part of the small area plan, they will be missing opportunities that will be scarce opportunities. He said he would like staff to bring forward the policy for consideration, first to the Planning Commission, and then to City Council. Vice Mayor Donley asked that it be brought back before the last meeting in June.

Councilman Krupicka added two specific elements of what they are asking staff to do at the Planning Commission. Not only reevaluate the policy and bring potentially a new policy to consider, but as part of that, to tell them what is the right criteria so they know when its appropriate to consider a rezoning and when it's not. It should have a smart set of criteria that says it is near a Metro, is consistent with certain planning principles it has as a community, consistent with the strategic plan and environmental policies. While it does plan in the early part of next year to start working on an Eisenhower West Plan, it is entirely possible during the next couple of months that they will find out the Victory Center has been rented out and they will start seeing interest in activity in that site relative to the Victory Center that would warrant moving faster and not waiting 18 months for a plan to be done