

# On the Southside, how high is too high?

The Bethlehem Gadfly Southside March 31, 2021

 *The latest in a series of posts on the Southside* 

Gadfly has nudged you a couple times about this meeting tomorrow night.

But he does so again after noting how Kim Carrell-Smith is promoting it: “How high is too high? Find out what the city is proposing for Southside building height limits this Thursday night. And let the city know your opinion!”

How high is too high?

Gadfly is more than ever intrigued now.

Do you suppose the consultant report will make a recommendation about the thorny question of heights?

We have tall buildings on the Southside — Rooney and Zest, etc. We have one approved but not built at 4th and Vine. We have at least 2 proposed. The historic guidelines talk of a 2-3 story kind of norm. Official discussions sometimes speak as if a 4-5 story is acceptable size. One tall building is used as an argument for another tall building. Developers talk of needing to feed their business models.

Such fun.

Got something to say? You know you probably do.

See you there?

**Thursday, April 1, 5PM**  
**<https://zoom.us/j/93739962164>**

Dozens of Southsiders came out in November to share their thoughts with a consultant who is developing a plan to align zoning and historic guidelines to shape the future of our Southside downtown. Come hear what the consultant is proposing and the impact that it will have on our community! Share your thoughts on the proposal before it is finalized!

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### What should the historic district of Southside Bethlehem be like in 15 years?

What types of buildings should be encouraged?  
What types of housing should be encouraged?  
How much emphasis should be placed upon historic preservation vs. new construction?  
What heights of buildings should be allowed?



The City of Bethlehem Planning and Zoning Bureau and their consultants are sponsoring a meeting to present recommendations and ask for your opinions. There will also be at least one future meeting before City Council.

Your opinions are needed. Please join a Zoom meeting at 5 pm on Thursday April 1st.  
<https://zoom.us/j/93739962164> A passcode is not required.

Or, join by phone at 646 876 9923, and then type in meeting ID no. 937 3996 2164

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