

# Module 1 - Administration & Procedures

## Summary of Civic Engagement



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# Overview



- Unbiased assessment of public perception
- Roughly 225 participants
  - ▣ Community and industry workshops
  - ▣ Online survey
  - ▣ Written testimony
  - ▣ Ongoing communication

# Key Changes



## □ Identified 11 draft Key Changes

Who can testify at ZBA

Conditional uses

Relationship to adopted plans

Replacement of discontinued uses  
in nonconforming prop.

Design review

Administrative decisions

Dimensional variances

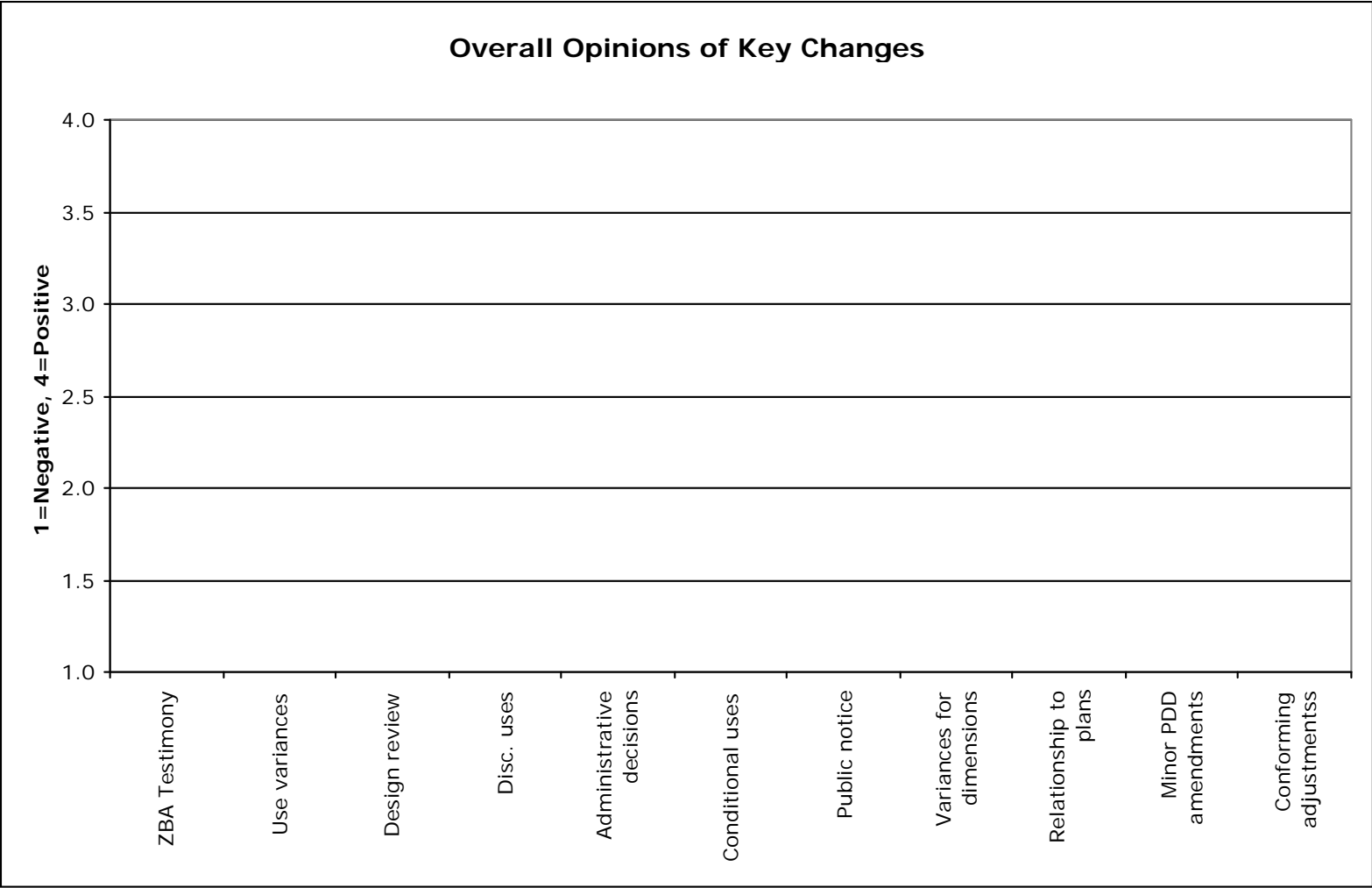
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Use variances

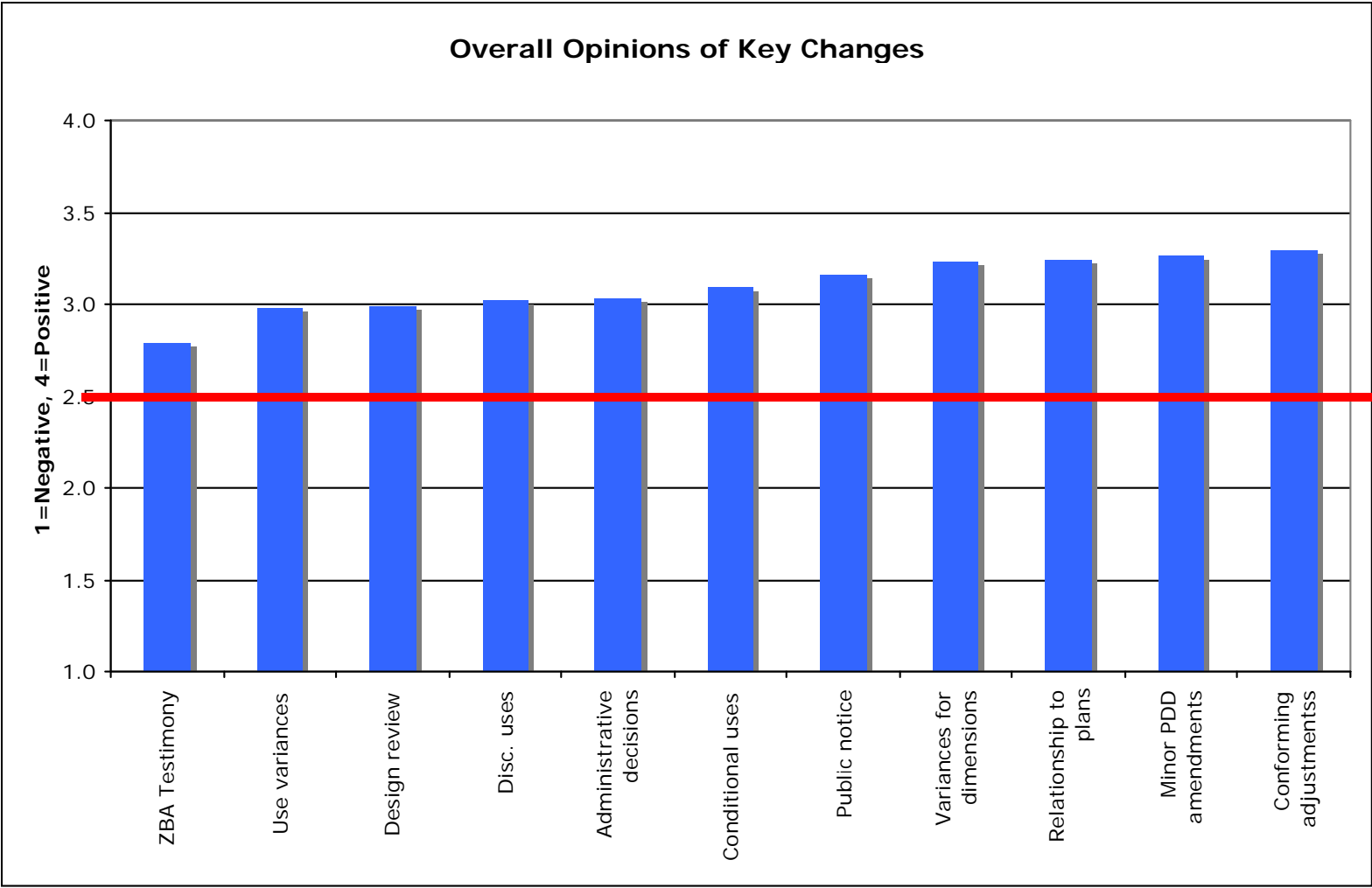
Conforming adjustments to  
nonconforming properties

Public notice requirements

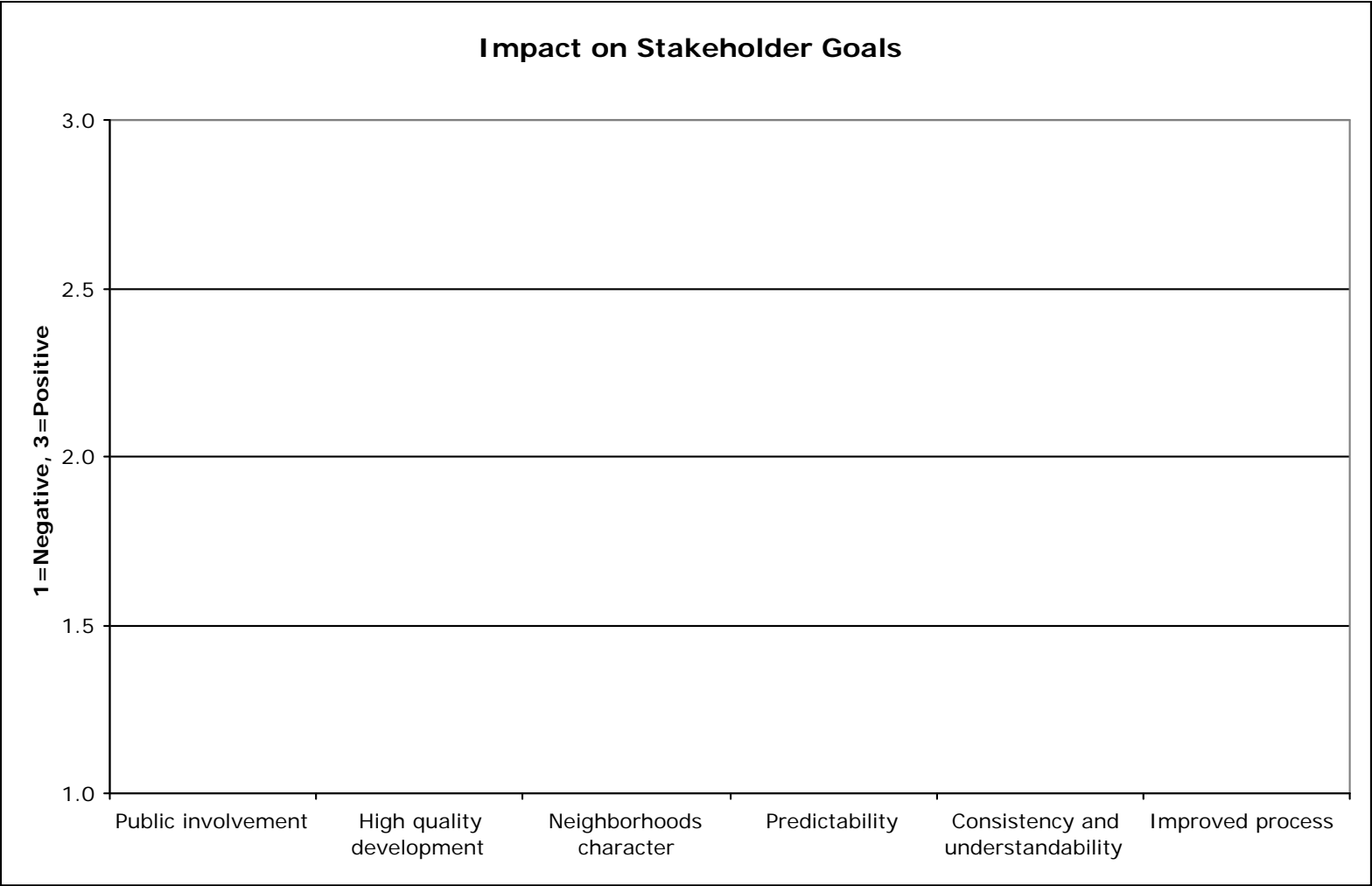
# Overall Opinion - All Participants



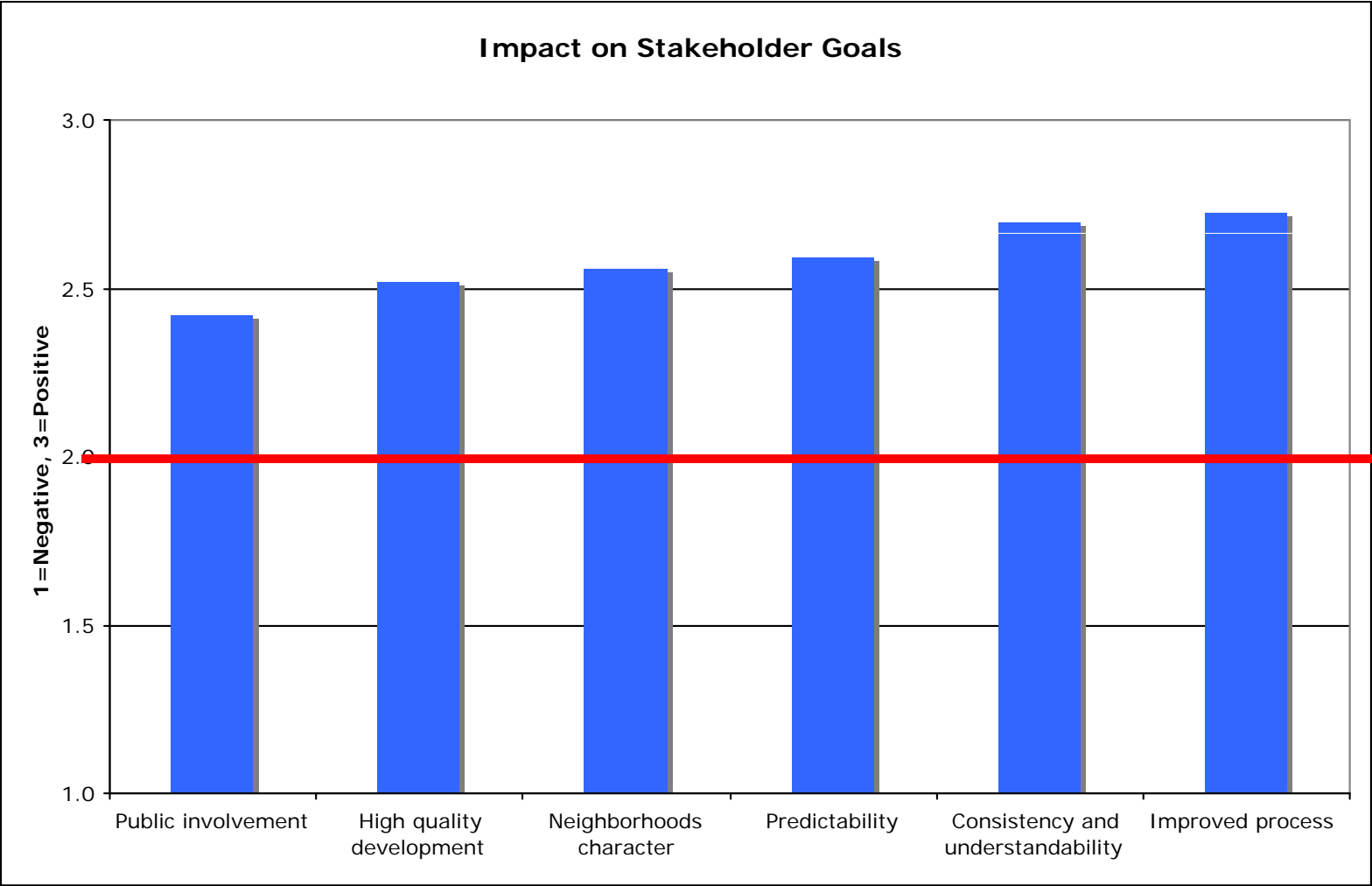
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# Priorities - Workshop Participants

Top Tier Priority	Public notice requirements
	Design review
	Use variances
Middle Tier Priority	Relationship to adopted plans
	Administrative decision making
	Discontinued uses
	Who can testify at ZBA hearings
	Variances for dimensions
Bottom Tier Priority	Conditional uses
	Conforming adjustments
	Minor PDD amendments

# Public Notice Requirements



- ❑ Information accessible in lay language
- ❑ More contact information needed
- ❑ Durations for postings should be increased
- ❑ Online notification and databases used more
- ❑ Updated signage for rescheduled meeting
- ❑ Diverse forms of outreach needed
- ❑ Effectiveness depends on enforcement

# Design Review



- Highly important forum for public input
- Committee selections will dictate aesthetics
- Civic developer seat does not ensure input by impacted communities
- Public should be notified about DRC cases
- Public testimony should be allowed
- Potential for additional layer of bureaucracy

# Use Variances



- Effectiveness will depend on reclassifications and remapping
- Remapping should be conducted periodically
- More education needed on “reasonable economic use”

# Relationship to Adopted Plans



- Definition of “quasi-public” needs clarification
- Skeptical about the value of “accepting” a plan
- PCPC should document if and how it uses neighborhood plans in its decisions

# Administrative Decision Making



- Developers will design to the new thresholds
- Purpose of this flexibility is unclear
- Additional responsibilities for L&I can increase risk of inconsistency and influence
- Code's treatment of sustainability must be precise to avoid loophole



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