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Agenda

The group reviewed a spreadsheet sent by S. Cahill summarizing site plan approvals made to date and the list of minor and major waivers. T. Garment suggested the group discuss the process for approving the waivers and if the intent of the code is being properly preserved. She also suggested a checklist be developed for all waivers for the Planning Board to use. Added to next meeting agenda.

The group discussed that any possible amendment be properly contextualized in communication to the Comon Council, i.e., that the Zoning Working Group believes that the success of the code can only be evaluated over the long term and that any changes at this point should be made with clear reasoning.

1) Possible amendment votes as follows:

1. Amendment #1 – Updates to Parkland Fee

The group discussed the need to ensure that only projects that provide onsite, permanently affordable units be exempt from recreation fee calculations. This was clarified in the amendment. The group also discussed that cross references in the amendment be cleaned up, Starodaj said he will do so prior to any Common Council communication.

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Unanimously approved by voting members.

2. Amendment #2 – Organizational signage table

Amendment tabled due to additional review needed, B. Starodaj will send an updated version out before next meeting.

3. Amendment #3 – Off-street parking/ADA accessible parking requirements

Unanimously approved by voting members.

The group discussed the following context that should be provided to the Common Council: the issue of ADA accessible parking is a systemic issue throughout the entire city, should not necessarily be left to the individual private developer to therefore solve these citywide systemic issues. This is a topic that the parking management firm the City of Kingston will be hiring in 2025 should study.

No action taken on any other amendments.

4. Amendment #4 – First-floor height
5. Amendment #5 – Bed & Breakfast
6. Amendment #6 – Home Occupation
7. Amendment #7 – Signage
8. Amendment #8 – Accessory Dwelling Units

2) Street design standards - update

1. Bluestone Ct – new City street
 - i. Fire Code Conflict: https://up.codes/viewer/new_york/ny-fire-code-2020/chapter/D/fire-apparatus-access-roads#D
 1. “Aerial [fire apparatus access roads](#) shall have a minimum unobstructed width of 26 feet (7925 mm), exclusive of shoulders, in the immediate vicinity of the building or portion thereof.”

T. Garment suggested that we ask Dover Kohl if they have any experience working through fire code requirements w/r/t street design standards. B.Starodaj will reach out to Amy Groves with this inquiry.

2. Street retrofit
 - i. Definition
 - ii. First application will be to Flatbush/Foxhall

Tabled for future discussion

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