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Subject: Planning Commission meeting, DeLo Plaza PUD 1st Amend. And Draft Dark Sky Ordinance, Planning Commission Comments

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Good Morning Amelia,

I can't make it to the Planning Commission meeting this week, but can provide the following public input on behalf of the Downtown Business Association of Louisville:

1. The DBA supports approval of the DeLo Plaza PUD, 1st Amendment.
2. The DBA agrees with Mike Deborski's comments that begin on page 63 of the Dark Sky section of the Planning Commission's agenda package. Our primary concerns involve retrofit costs and discouragement of the redevelopment and improvement of existing vacant commercial buildings.

In addition, the proposed ordinance appears to be more complex than necessary, difficult to administer, and difficult to enforce—particularly the trespass regulations. Previously filed public comments cited a number of specifics, several of which were repaired in this draft, but some that were not.

Historic Downtown (HD) seems to be handled well, but prior to the passage of an ordinance, it would be good to have a comparison between the existing HD lighting conditions vs. the requirements that would apply after the passage of an ordinance. How much darker or lighter will HD be if an ordinance is adopted?

The better approach to avoid the impact on vacant buildings would be either (a) to table this ordinance to allow time to develop a regional solution, so the ordinance does not encourage flight to locations outside of the city, or (b) to select the option for 'new construction and replacement lighting only', or (c) to not adopt an ordinance at all.

3. When will the City address the street lighting and rec center lighting issues that residents cited at the open house and written comments?
4. The DBA is in favor of the staff's proposal to develop incentive or assistance programs aimed at encouraging voluntary compliance with the Dark Sky objectives. We feel these should be implemented before or at the same time as the passage of an ordinance on the subject.

Thanks, Amelia, we may not agree on everything, but we appreciate your work on the project and willingness to consider public input.

Regards,

Downtown Business Association of Louisville, Inc.

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