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Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>; Hayner, Jeff <JHayner@a2gov.org>; Anne Bannister
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Cc: Mary Underwood [REDACTED]; Taya [REDACTED]; Francine Banner-Hubbard [REDACTED]; Nancy Alexius [REDACTED]; Mitch Gerczak [REDACTED]; Tamara Stevenson [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: City Council Meeting to Support ADUs on R2A-zoned lots

Dear Planning Department,

I am writing to you in support of amending the city building code to allow ADUs for properties zoned R2A.

I would like to add my support of my neighbors, Tamara Stevenson and Mitch Gerczak, who want to build an additional structure on their historic property. Our neighborhood in Lower Town has benefited from the STEAM school at Northside by changing from a predominately rental area to a more sought after area for more permanent residents, although we embrace our neighbors who rent as well. When I moved into my historic home (built in 1860) in 1984, this street was unsafe and home break-ins were a common occurrence. There were very few families if any, and it is so reassuring to know this neighborhood is now appealing to new families.

Hence, I am asking you to vote in favor of any changes necessary to allow for ADUS in R2A zoning. Please vote to make the necessary changes in the zoning laws that allow for ADUs in R2A zoning.

Thank you for your attention in this matter --
Sarah Byers, 1308 Traver St,

On Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 3:20 PM Tamara Stevenson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Neighbors,
Hope all are healthy during these times of Covid-19.

Mitch and I wanted to write and reach-out for some neighborhood support at an upcoming City Council meeting. If you are not aware, Mitch and I have been exploring different housing options to accommodate our growing family. One of those options is to try and build a detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

We are zoned R2A. Previously, R2A lots were allowed to build ADUs, similar to Mary's studio. However, in 2016, when the City codified it's development laws into the Unified Development Code (UDC), R2A-zoned lots were accidentally left out of ADU-permissible lots. So, in order to even build, we would first have to get R2A lots approved, again, for ADUs, then we would have to get approval from the historic district commission.

I have spoken to the Planning Commission and sent e-mails to Jeff Hayner (though no word back from Jeff). Tom has also been aware of our problem and has informed me that the Planning Commission has submitted some minor amendments to City Council for virtual/audio discussion this Tuesday, April 28th @ 7:00pm; one of those amendments would be to allow R2As to build ADUs.

I'm not sure if City Council is actually going to vote or approve those amendments on Tuesday or if they are just going to hear the amendments (Tom might have some more insight into the City Council process), but if anybody is free to call-in during the public comments sections and lend a show of support that would be great! Also, if you are interested in speaking in greater detail, please feel free to contact us.

Either way, I've attached some agenda/memorandum information and here is the information to call-in during the public comments section.

To listen or speak at public comment, call: 877-853-5247 or 888 788 0099 (Toll Free) Enter Meeting ID: 966 7977 2724

Thanks so much.
Best,
Tami and Mitch