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Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 7:41 PM
To: Lenart, Brett <BLenart@a2gov.org>
Cc: Sarah Mills
Subject: Discussion with HJ Decker

Hi Brett,

Hope all is well!

HJ Decker who works at DTE, reached out to me this evening to inquire about the 3874 Research Park hearing tomorrow night. I believe he is working with the petitioner regarding natural gas connectivity, carbon offset programs, and electrification. I know him from Ann Arbor Golf & Outing, as we are both members there.

I told him that we are hearing it tomorrow, and that we would evaluate based on adherence to the UDC on the basis of use and form (e.g. height, setback, FAR) and look through all pertinent site plan information regarding landmark trees, ingress/egress, stormwater run off detention requirements from the Washtenaw county, and any other relevant information concerned with the development.

He conveyed to me that the petitioner seemed to be concerned with a requirement of electrification based on comments being made in NextDoor - I told him that I had not yet reviewed all public comments on it but that I would be doing so tonight (which I'm reviewing materials now).

It was more of an education discussion for him and I encouraged him to join either remotely/virtually or in person and that we would be starting at city hall at 7pm tomorrow. I also did let him know that I would have to notify the planning manager as this discussion was related to an active petition.

This is simply intended to uphold my commitment to transparency - let me know if there's anything further you need from me in this regard. Otherwise, I will see you tomorrow!

Best,
Wonwoo Lee

From: Ember McCoy
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:14 PM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Ask for Postponement of the 3874 Research Park Drive Project Vote

Hi Planning Commissioners,

I'm writing to comment on the 3874 Research Park Drive site to be voted on tonight. Unfortunately, I won't be able to make the hearing to give public comment directly.

I'm supportive of this project, HOWEVER, I think it's important to consider our A2Zero plan in deliberations of its approval. If the City Council and Planning Commission don't start to consider climate impact in our development approvals now, when will they?

Strategy 2, Action 1 of A2Zero states "All new residential and commercial buildings are designed and built to operate without the use of natural gas." As it stands, my understanding is that the petitioner seeking development approval for 3874 Research Park Drive has not considered or committed to geothermal heating at this site, even though there is space to do so. I'm grateful for the climate conscious amenities the petitioner IS including at its site (LED lights, high performance class, solar panels that could cover a small portion of energy needs, etc); however, the current measures proposed do not cover the massive natural gas impact this site would have or move the project nearly enough in line (or at all) with our A2Zero goals.

As a result, I'd like to see the Planning Commission postpone your vote tonight to give time for the developer to study geothermal heating as an option. If they aren't considering geothermal, who will? If we aren't setting these expectations now, when will we?

It's long been time for A2Zero to be more than a website and for our Commissions to take concrete steps to achieving these goals. Let's put it to action tonight!

Thanks for your consideration.

Best,
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