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24-1108: An ordinance approving an amendment to the Welton Corridor Urban Redevelopment Plan for the 29th and Welton Street Project and authorizing the creation of the 29th and Welton Street Property Tax and Sales Tax Increment Areas.

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Public Comment Denver City Council's September 23, 2024 Public Hearing for Bill 24-1108
September 23, 2024

Submitted via Denver City Council Public Comment web form

Dear Denver City Council,

I respectfully request that City Council and the City Attorney review Denver Urban Renewal Authority's ("DURA") August 20, 2024 legal notice for the September 23, 2024 Public Hearing for Bill 24-1108 which states 33 parking spaces will be provided compared to the Project's June 28, 2023 Site Plan which states 26 parking spaces will be provided. DURA and City Council's documents are not in agreement with the Project documents.

This is a difference of seven (7) parking spaces. This may be a 24% difference. It appears that DURA's public hearing notice and the Project site plan have a significant difference in the number of parking spaces provided.

I request that the City of Denver Attorney provide a thoughtful careful review of the legal documents prior to City Council's vote and if required bring DURA's, the City's and the Project's documents into agreement on the number of parking spaces.

HISTORY

September 19, 2024 at 6:35 AM I e-mail DURA stating it appears that the legal notice provides 33 parking spaces and the Project site plan provides 26 parking spaces. It appears that the legal documents are in disagreement. I requested that the documents be brought into alignment.

That same day DURA confirmed receipt of my email. DURA has not provided further response.

September 19, 2024 at 6:35 AM I emailed multiple members of Denver City Council stating it appears that the legal notice provides 33 parking spaces and the Project site plan provides 26 parking spaces. It appears that the legal documents are in disagreement. I requested that the documents be brought into alignment. That same day District 1 City Council President Aide confirmed receipt of my email. City Council has not provided further response.

September 4, 2024 The Project provided a community information meeting at the Project site. I informed the Project that DURA legal notice provided 33 parking spaces which appears to be in disagreement with the Project site plan of 26 parking spaces. The Project reviewed the site plans provided at the meeting and informed there were 26 parking spaces. I requested that the documents be brought into alignment before the public hearing.

August 20, 2024 DURA mailed legal notice for the September 23, 2024 Public Hearing stating "thirty-three" 33 parking spaces provided.

June 28, 2024 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT sheet "PROJECT SUMMARY, ABBREVIATIONS & GRAPHIC SYMBOLS" SHEET A0-01 page 12 of 189 states Parking Summary 26 spaces total. PDF attached.

April 5, 2023 "29th & WELTON SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN" COVER SHEET. SHEET 1 of 21 SITE STATISTICS Total parking 26. Document found on Denver e-Permits file name "SDP1_2-SITE PLAN_2022PM0000532." PDF attached.

CONCLUSION

I respectfully request that the Denver City Attorney review DURA's August 20, 2024 legal notice, City Council documents for 24-1108, and the Project's site plan to determine if there is a significant difference in the total number of surface parking spaces provided.

If a significant difference is found, I request that all DURA and City Council documents affording the Project grants, loans, incentives, and tax breaks accurately reflect the number of parking spaces prior to the Public Hearing on September 23, 2024.

This matter may also apply to:

Denver City Council Resolution 24-0978 award for \$2,500,000.

Denver City Council Resolution 24-0742 award for \$1,605,000.

Denver City Council Resolution 24-0743 award for \$3,360,000.

DURA and City Council should accurately document the Project to the taxpayers who may, or may not, agree to provide taxpayer funds based upon the information provided..

At best, inaccurate Project documents may open the door to questions of what else may be wrong with the Project. At worst, inaccurate documents may open the door to impropriety.

I look forward to hearing more about this matter at today's public hearing.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,
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