

General Information

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Message :

Dear Zoning,

I really hope I haven't missed all of the available public meetings. Do you have more coming up?

Thank you,

Twink

General Information

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Message :

To start, I've only heard random things about the code rewrite.

Being homeowner sandwiched between rentals, I would say that when a rental is sold, it would be nice if the grandfathering that exists to allow more than 3 unrelated adults in a single family home would be changed so that when sold it has to conform to current zoning. Besides noise issues, one of the reasons is related to an undocumented observation that upkeep and improvements seem to be mostly done by home owner-occupiers rather than landlords. I know that is not always true and there are some great landlords, but I guess it depends where you live.

I don't really object to homes being remodeled to accommodate extended family. But I think they should be done with neighborly consideration. The loss of greenspace from parking/new driveways is more of a bummer than adding or improving homespace for family.

I have in my yard wild rabbits, birds, insects, woodchuck, chipmunks..... I have no objection to chickens or other wildlife, but the squirrels could go....

I like mixed use, but it should blend with the neighborhood in a neighborly way. Such as not increasing truck traffic, noise traffic in a huge way, privacy loss for a neighbor or slamming a giant multi-unit up against single family homes. The cohousing on Mills St. seems to be a nice example of neighborhood integration. I don't think that Meriter and other business should expect to be able to just bulldoze without integrating their use and buildings properly. It is still a neighborhood where people live after all, even if we aren't in suburban mode in suburban houses or the well off types up the hill.

Thanks for letting me ramble and put my 2 cents in.

General Information

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Message :

Although already discussed, I just wanted to comment that I like the idea of trying to work with the zoning code so older areas would not need as many variances. I live in the Greenbush Neighborhood and know some neighbors have had a very hard time building garages. Due to the smaller lot sizes, I would like to see reduced set backs for these areas to allow home owner's to maximize their options.

Along the lines of garages, I also am in the support of allowing garage apartments which it sounds like was also previously discussed.

I heard that the current thoughts are with garage apartments that no lot mostly centered around these older neighborhoods that aren't zoned for multi-family could only do a garage apartment, so an existing 2-flat could not do a new garage apartment.

Sincerely,

Peter Falk

General Information

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Message :

Hi:

I'd like to suggest affordable and publicly accessible sailboat marinas on both Lake Mendota on Public Property and Lake Monona at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. I'd also suggest further condemnations into the future to expand public lands along our lakes, as popular places like James Madison Park were established in this fashion.

General Information

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Message :

If I see another historic building torn down for some piece of crap capitalistic want I will leave Madison. I am a professional driver. I was born at Madison General. In the 28 years I have lived in Madison almost my whole life I left once and should have stayed away.

If Madison gets this one wrong....I will take my advice and come back only to say,"I told you so." Look to the natives or the people that have seen things change. I am proud to live in Madison, but its spiraling out of control with young aspiring politicians who are using Madison as a stepping stone to enter a very very broken political United States of Corpocracy and the almighty Dollar. Think long and hard about this one and if you want my input, its free!

General Information

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Message :

Working in the utility industry for over twenty years, and knowing the complexities and issues involved with the Real Estate aspect of zoning compliance with utilities, I find it rather interesting that there has not been solicitation from Utility facilities that serve Madison residents - yet many Chapters and paragraphs of said ordinance do and will apply (i.e.the all encompassing word 'structures' without exceptions includes poles and pedestals). My suggestion is to perhaps submit draft versions to MG&E, ATC, Charter, Alliant, etc., periodically throughout the rewriting process for review and comment. Please feel free to reply as I would be happy to discuss this further (anonymously of course) - or apply the suggestion and my comments would be sure to be incorporated.

General Information

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Message :

Sorry, chickens belong on farms not in city neighborhoods - buy a farm if you want farm animals.The noise from airplanes, trains, traffic, and barking dogs is bad enough now you want to add chickens into the mix!!!

My quality of living would be greatly disturbed by paying rent on a 2-flat and being forced to share the

backyard I was paying for with chickens, their mess, and their smell.

My suggestion is to keep farm animals on a farm where they belong.

General Information

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Message :

Zoning rewrite Committee,

We hope to add a garage/carriage house to our property with a small rental apartment above; we currently have no garage.

Follow the link below to read an excerpt from the book "Little House on a Small Planet" and follow additional links showing that many cities across America are allowing ADUs.

Thanks, John

<http://www.woodentoy.com/ADU/Adu.html>

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Message :

Hi,

I understand you're interested in hearing comments from the public about zoning. In general, I'd like to see a strong focus on sustainable ideas. What does this mean? For me, it means at least the following.

Encourage building design to use as little electricity as possible. Electricity consumption is the #1 cause of global climate change not cars, as many think. For example, I believe every new house should include a whole house fan. They're cheap to install at build time, and will save a large percentage of a house's electricity consumption because air conditioning won't be needed.

Encourage the use of renewable electricity. We converted to solar, but the up-front costs can really scare people away, even though long-term it's far less expensive than paying your electric bill. Can a program be started to encourage people to make these investments, like in Berkeley? Small roof-mounted wind generators will be

hitting the market soon encourage people to start using these, too.

Encourage the use of solar for lighting and heating.

Encourage good quality affordable housing options, like co-housing.

Encourage better mass transit higher densities are fine. In particular, I'd like to see buses run more frequently, about twice as often as they do now. This doesn't necessarily mean twice the number of buses and drivers... just stagger the routes that go down frequently used corridors.

Have more paved bike/ped paths. Clear them quickly in the winter. Make them wider in frequently used areas, especially where there are many walkers and bikers.

Devote more space to community gardens. Community gardens in Madison are wildly popular... let's get them in more neighborhoods.

Encourage shorter car trips by meeting most of people's needs within a shorter distance. Better yet, eliminate car trips by meeting most of people's needs right in their neighborhood.

Thanks for allowing me to provide input!

General Information

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Message :

Thanks for including me in the "neighborhoods" focus group. I look forward to participating in this, and please add me to the email list.

This is a welcome opportunity to address long-standing issues in a more comprehensive way than Arlan Kay and I were able to do 10 years ago when we tripped the R2 rewrite.

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Message :

I live in an historic neighborhood (Vilas), zoned R4A. The majority of the houses in the area do not comply with the setbacks in R4A. For instance, approximately 3/4 of the houses on my block have front setbacks

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Message :

The Zoning plans and proposed new plans are hideous and appalling as to how you want to spend our money for your agendas! Stop trying to control our lives...its our money not yours!

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Message :

First of all, no new business will EVER come to Madison to build. This new zoning will create job losses with no job growth. Too many restrictions on personal freedom and way to many liberal ideas that have no conclusive scientific backing. You're all a bunch of liberal enviromentalitist wackos with no respect for the superior species, humans. Watch your ideas fail as people loose their jobs, homes or business because they cannot afford these Draconian implemeted ideas.

General Information

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Message :

Your new zoning ideas are insane!

Anthroprogenic man made Global Warming is a HOAX!

Leave the woning rules and my property rights alone!

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/>

Read this site nominated for best science weblog site 2008 and shut up with your loony zoning rewrite.

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Message :

I am troubled by the tone and lack of direction that this process is taking. I urge the advisory committee to remember the property rights of Madison's citizens.

General Information

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Message :

Hello,

I am looking for a map of the capital fire district. In the building code section 29.37 c, it says "an official map of the Capitol Fire District is on file in the City Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development." I called the department last week and was referred to the local fire department as the person I spoke with did not know anything about it. The fire department did not have a map. I wanted to try once more as it specifically says the map is on file. Please let me know!

Thanks,  
Kara

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Message :

There isn't a map.  
"28B Zoning Districts and Maps .....0020 7-12"  
Without a map to where the rules will apply there is no way for a citizen to give feedback about changes to their neighborhood.

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Message :

Hi,

I'm interested in beekeeping. Are regulations being considered. I'm thinking in something similar to chickens.

Thanks

Nelson