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From: Bardin, Sara (DCOZ)
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 4:45 PM
To: 'Jim@grahamwone.com'
Subject: FW: Pop Up--what to do from here?

Dear Councilmember Graham:

Thank you for your email.

The Zoning Commission has demonstrated its commitment to determining whether there is an appropriate way to address this issue in the new zoning regulations. Following public testimony on November 6, 2013, the Commission asked questions of the Office of Planning (OP) pertaining to Pop-Ups, including questions about the idea of design review. As a result of this conversation, OP committed to submit regulatory options for the Commission to consider.

The Office of Zoning (OZ) has included your email regarding Pop Ups (below) in the Zoning Regulations Review (ZRR) case record (Case No 08-06A). It is scheduled to be considered as a correspondence item at the Zoning Commission's January 13, 2014 public meeting.

Please note, the ZRR is still ongoing with additional hearings scheduled in January and February. Sometime thereafter the Commission will be considering the proposed text, public testimony, additional OP reports as well as revised text. OZ will make sure it forwards any reports or findings that are submitted to the Commission concerning Pop-Ups to your office.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sara

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From: Jim Graham [<mailto:Jim@grahamwone.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 12:56 PM

To: Hood, Anthony

Subject: RE: Pop Up--what to do from here?

Chairman Hood,

As you will recall, I presented testimony to the Zoning Commission regarding the ZRR and specifically on the issue of 'Pop Ups'.

That evening I asked several questions including:

- What is the Zoning Commissions intent in addressing the issue of "Pop Ups"?
- Is there any authority vested with the Zoning Commission that addresses this issue, aside from remapping and down zoning areas with existing structures?
- Are there other means or thinking within the DC government to address these circumstances?
- Is there a need for design review for Matter of Right Projects?
 - Would this help or hurt a majority of projects?
 - Could a volunteer/ professional group be organized to perform peer design review in selected areas?
 - Would this be done with in individual Council Members' offices?
 - Can there be an incentive for a builder to engage in a peer design review?
- Perhaps in order to fully address this issue we should look at the areas that have changed well beyond what was is the current 'context' and see how celebrated and successful they are- Perhaps there are many more of those. Is the Zoning Commission aware of such a study? Could it request one? I am critically concerned that any discussion of design review in this City quickly becomes the vehicle of those that are committed to be against everything, thus becoming a stifling process not an incentive process.

You stated the Commission would provide for me answers to the inquires made and I am following up to see if any progress has been made in doing so.

With every good wish, CM Jim Graham

I typically answer emails before 9 AM on weekdays. If you email me after that, it is likely that you will hear from me the next weekday. If there is a need to communicate prior to that, you may wish to call me. For most effective communication, please use my direct email address: jim@grahamwone.com

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