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From: Paterson, Bryan
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 2:06 PM
To: Arjoon, Kevin
Subject: FW: Development Task Force

Hi Kevin,

Below is some correspondence I received regarding input for the mayor's task force on development. Could this be circulated to the other members at our next meeting?

Many thanks,
Bryan.

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Written submission for Development Task Force

April 4, 2012

A couple of small examples related to development efficiencies for the task force to consider:

- 1) Re: Windmills Patio application – when vetted through accessibility staff comments were that they wanted to know if we could meet new FADS standards, standards that I understand have not been adopted by the city. Basically our patio application was for a small, 8 tables of 2 (seating for 16) patio and is raised up on a wood type platform 6 inches. So the ramp for accessibility must rise up 6 inches, our design met current accessibility requirements. I had to have my architect draft alternate layouts that showed meeting FADS guidelines would have required the ramp to occupy almost half the patio reducing the capacity to seating for 8. Comments coming back from the accessibility staff (not directly to me) were that accessibility staff person is very reasonable, they can see it was not possible and so approved our application from their perspective without holding firm on meeting FADS. I was happy with the outcome, but anybody reading the plans, understanding the plans, seeing the small size of the patio could have seen it wasn't possible. This request required me to engage my architect and for him to draft a few possibilities showing it was not possible and the expense that involved. Not to mention my washrooms are in the basement so we're not really fully accessible anyway.
- 2) I am on the board of Home Base Housing. Home Base recently opened Lilly's Place a shelter for women and children. On Friday, March 30th we had our ribbon cutting opening, we were to get our occupancy permit later that day and would have people staying at the shelter on Monday. On Friday when fire & building departments came they couldn't issue the occupancy permit as there were a number of items that needed to be taken care of. There was no issue with that except that fire who had been through the home a number of times during the process, now indicated that a water heater under a stairwell (that was not altered by Home Base and had been there from before we owned the home) that they now indicated we had to create a drywall fire separation under the stairs before they would sign off. Again we didn't have an issue with doing that but I question why it is that fire (and building) can't do an official walk through and make their requirements known in writing, without it being a moving target.

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