



Re: Wienerstube

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Yes - why would an applicant go out of its way to piss off the governing body when the proposed modification had no chance of success? Rest assured that they are "up to no good" - and I wish I had the mind-set that would allow me to identify the hidden evil at the beginning, rather than after it has become obvious - and when it's too late to do anything about it.

I like the idea of deed-restricted commercial space, as I can see no other way to ensure affordable rents for low-profit/service businesses - but I have become increasingly cynical about how this would work effectively. One would think that the tenants (the intended beneficiaries of the deed-restricted commercial space) would be quick to police the restrictions and report problems when the landlords tried to meddle with the arrangements (something for which Steve Marcus has become notorious over the years) - but as we have seen in deed-restricted housing, the "I've got mine so screw you" mentality seems to take hold almost immediately. I can foresee the tenants in cahoots with the developers to "upgrade" their businesses (and prices) claiming that "that's what today's market wants." (Very much like the Lorrie Winnermans whining about the "injustice" of restricting house sizes.) Jaz

Jack Johnson <writejacknow@yahoo.com> wrote:

It's my intention for the "deed restriction" to be far beefier than the ADUs. They are proposing something ala Isis but that's not going to work either. The parking will go back in but I couldn't for the life of me figure out what they hoped to achieve by removing that element. Odd, v. odd.

jack

Jasmine Tygre <jtygre@yahoo.com> wrote:

I see that the "new and improved" Wienerstube plan maintains the size of the building (despite Council's expressed opinion that it was too large) but reduces the amount of on-site parking! And (this must be a Stan Clauson idea) this so-called "Wienerstube" lease is all too reminiscent of Garfield & Hecht trotting out the Cache Cache people to "save" the Red Onion. These leases are such bullshit - and of course, once one of these spurious documents is accepted - all future developments will contain the same nonsense. This is the commercial equivalent of ADUs. It's a good thing that I am not on Council as I would be unable to refrain from leaping over the protective partition and pounding Clauson's greasy little head on the applicants's table. Jaz

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