

11-15-2023 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # A.3 Public Comment

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COMMENTS: D.2

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AGENDA ITEM General Public Comment A.3

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COMMENTS: Discrimination

Chapter 19: Age and Politics

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AGENDA ITEM JACOBI

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COMMENTS: LOW COST
HOUSING!

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Se hace camino nevada - Make road Nevada.

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For the Record:
Art Rangel, AICP,
255 N. Sierra St. Reno, Nv. 89501

I am here to make a few comments on item D.2 on your agenda regarding the review of the Neon Line District Development Agreement:

This development agreement encompasses a large portion of downtown Reno. There have been a lot of comments over time regarding the concern about vacant land that now exist as a result Mr. Jacobs taking down many old, blighted motels along 4th and 2nd streets. While these vacant parcels are not now improved with productive uses, I would encourage the Council not to push to have Mr. Jacobs build just anything on these valuable parcels.

It is not unusual to have a development Agreement for properties that take up this much land area to have a life of 20 years so that as market condition change the development can be accomplished during an up market. We clearly do not have an up market now. What is peculiar, given my experience in working on Development Agreements, is the lack of specificity in the Neon Line DA, very strange. The City of Reno zoning code allows a wide variety of uses to be built on these downtown parcels. Given the way the current zoning code is written some of the allowable uses could be incompatible with other uses that also allowed.

The recent pandemic turned our world upside down disrupting how we live our lives and delaying everyone's plans. I am convinced we will not see office buildings built on the Neon Line parcels for decades if ever because of remote working that has become a norm even after Covid. I am sure Mr. Jacobs is very aware of this. Downtown Reno has an opportunity for much needed workforce housing for medical workers, police and fire personnel, and other downtown employees. In addition, Live/work lofts should be built downtown once the market improves, interest rate decline and inflation get under control. This could create a walkable community and reduce traffic congestion.

It would be very helpful if Mr. Jacobs would reveal his master plan for the 20 square blocks comprising the Neon Line District. We would like to know what proposed uses on the south of ReTrac would be connected to the J Resort with the Pedestrian Walkway.

We would like to hear a discussion relative to item 3.02 (k) Public Safety because public safety, especially during nighttime hours, is a great concern to downtown residents.

Lastly, I ask that the City make sure that the Neon Line District Master Plan and/or whatever is built within the district is consistent with the Reno Master Plan goals and policies as required by Nevada State Law (NRS 278.0284).

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PROJECT PLANNING NOTES

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1 My name is Katie Worrall. I
2 live in Ward 1, ~~and have lived~~
3 ~~there my whole life~~ where I
4 grew up & went to school. I am
5 here ~~in opposition~~ to speak on
6 item D.2. I understand this Jacobs
7 agreement goes forward. You've
8 already approved it. I guess I
9 mainly want to focus on what we
10 can do to fix the damage that's
11 already been caused. I worry
12 about the priorities of this
13 council as a whole. For example,
14 we're spending millions on a
15 police station. When we have
16 so many people in need of basic
17 resources. Anyone can see the
18 most pressing issue for this city is the
19 housing crisis. I know that you
20 all have the power to build &
21 develop safe, affordable housing
22 no matter if you say your hands
23 are tied w/ competing interests.
24 I first just want to ask Mr.
25 Jacobs & Mr. Kramer why they
26 cannot be part of this type of
27 development?
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COMMENTS: Stop subsidizing Jacobs!

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