

Whereas, civic space is essential to the public good and collectively belongs to the people.

Whereas, we live in an age of increased divisiveness, loneliness, and socio-economic stratification. The stewardship of our few remaining places, where all citizens are welcomed without any preconditions, must be treated with the utmost care and consideration.

Whereas, we ought to respect the views of our community and welcome all voices into consideration of our public spaces.

Whereas, we understand and support the need for affordable housing.

Whereas, in the context of Ward 3, significant affordable housing has not been aggressively pursued at multiple larger, appropriate, and unused sites.

Whereas, we are still working towards a positive end result in good faith with the city.

We should resolve that therefore

-NC-18 and 19 are not in line with the best interests of the community.

-We believe the full use of the recreation center, library, and outdoor space should be maintained or increased, not diminished.

-We still seek affordable housing as a worthy goal.

-Adding a building with 70 percent, or a majority of market rate housing, is a tradeoff we are hesitant to make if it diminishes the use of the civic core.

-We seek to understand the amount of affordable housing, the level of affordable housing, the feasibility of ownership, and how much market rate housing will be included before a decision to sacrifice the current full use of the civic core. We should also have a clear understanding of how housing will not diminish the current uses of the civic core if that is the case.

-We propose the Office of Planning develop new zoning that is acceptable after a comprehensive community survey, already being developed, is complete.

-We also strongly encourage pursuing the Wells Fargo site to help attain affordable housing or to expand the civic core site.

-Peter Lynch, ANC3/4G-05