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Planning Commission & City Staff,

I see that there was a public hearing notice for this agenda item, albeit one that used the wrong template because advisory legislative actions like code amendments are not appealable items, but why was the public hearing notice not included on the City's webpage for public hearing notices (i.e., www.city.fortbragg.com/government/public-hearing-notices)? That is where many of us look to read official notices about upcoming items. Even the public hearing for Monday's City Council meeting concerning CDBG grant closeout reports was published there and it isn't even a land use matter like most public hearings. This is a significant update to our zoning codes and yet it wasn't deemed important enough to notice in a meaningful way?

On that note, I recommend that you only begin the conversation tonight and continue your discussion to the next Planning Commission meeting, which hopefully won't be six months from now, so this can be properly vetted with meaningful public and Commission input. This was barely published by the City in time--on a Sunday no less--so there has not been sufficient time to review the recommendations. In addition, I believe that at least one commissioner will be absent from the meeting on Wednesday and I'd like to hear from him as well.

As probably the most diligent member of the public to participate in these types of agenda items, I certainly haven't had the opportunity to review the agenda materials, let alone in detail, and I would like to be able to share my observations and recommendations as well. There is no reason why this significant item was only made available for Commission and public review on the Sunday prior to a Wednesday meeting and the Commission should--again because you have actually done it before--direct staff to provide more adequate notice by publishing agenda materials further in advance of the scheduled meeting so everyone can have sufficient time to review and consider the recommendations. I find this late publication to be disrespectful to the public because it hinders meaningful participation.

Best regards,

--Jacob