



Lowell City Council

Neighborhoods SC

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City Clerk

Date: April 19, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Mercier, C. Gitschier, and C. Jenness. Others present were Camilo Espitia (DPD), Dylan Ricker (Insp. Services) and C. Scott.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Mercier called the meeting to order noting those in attendance and stating that this would be mostly a public forum regarding zoning for accessory use dwellings.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Mercier opened meeting up to public with following speakers addressing the subcommittee: Phyliss Hunt; Jerry Frechette; George DeLuca; Robert Hunt; Paul Reilly; Dennis McCarthy; and Alan Saba.

Mr. Espitia noted that there is a 900 square foot max for these additions and that language could be added to restrict the number of bedrooms in each unit. Mr. Espitia noted that there must be an owner living on the premises. Mr. Ricker commented that there is a zoning appeal available for very limited reasons. C. Gitschier noted there already has been many revisions to the proposed ordinance from public input and that the voters should decide final version by way of a non-binding referendum. C. Jenness noted changes done due to the revision process and that they are working for answers. C. Jenness noted that there is a very limited area where these units could be available and that it should be opened up to whole City.

C. Mercier opened up to public with remaining speakers addressing the body: Deb Forgione; Josh McVie; Ron Gentle; Tim Durkee; George Flynn; Sandra McNamara; Ransom Descohomme; Arimoda Gregory; and Paul Gaudette.

C. Jenness commented on second kitchen issues under current zoning. C. Mercier questioned why it could not be a binding referendum. C. Gitschier indicated that by law it has to be non-binding.



ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn by C. Gitschier seconded by C. Jenness. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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