

M.1 Council Member Motion: Reconsideration of Council Motion on Development Permit with Variance Application for 1475 Fort Street

Council received a Council Member Motion dated June 17, 2021 from Mayor Helps regarding the proposed reconsideration of a Council Motion in which Council declined a proposal for a 32-unit rental building at 1475 Fort Street.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council refer the proposal back to staff to work with the applicant to reduce the size of the building footprint in order to retain as many trees as practicable while still creating a viable rental housing project.

Council discussed:

- *Previously proposed and defeated referral motion*
- *Proposed tree removal*
- *Proposed next steps should this direction be approved*

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Andrew
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council refer the proposal back to staff to work with the applicant to reduce the size of the building footprint in order to retain as many trees as practicable, **lessening the impact of variances required on setbacks and to improve the secure privacy for adjacent neighbours** while still creating a viable rental housing project.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Andrew

That Council refer the proposal back to staff to work with the applicant to reduce the size of the building footprint in order to retain as many trees as practicable, **consider increasing the setbacks to lessening the impact of variances required on setbacks and to and to further improve the secure privacy for adjacent neighbours** while still creating a viable rental housing project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

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On the main motion as amended:

That Council refer the proposal back to staff to work with the applicant to reduce the size of the building footprint in order to retain as many trees as practicable,

consider increasing the setbacks to lessen the impact and to further secure privacy for adjacent neighbours while still creating a viable rental housing project.

FOR (5): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Andrew, Councillor Potts, Councillor Loveday

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

CARRIED (5 to 2)



Council Member Motion
Council Meeting of June 24, 2021

Date: June 17 2021

From: Mayor Helps

Subject: Reconsideration of Council Motion on Development Permit with Variance Application
For 1475 Fort St

Background

Pursuant to the authority granted Mayors in the Community Charter under section 131 to require an issue for reconsideration within 30 days of the motion passing, I am respectfully exercising that authority for reconsideration on the matter at 1475 Fort Street and requesting that Council reconsider its decision.

At the Opportunity for Public Comment on June 10th, Council declined a proposal for a 32-unit rental building at 1475 Fort Street. Before the motion to approve the application failed that evening, there was a motion to refer the project to staff for further work with the applicant, which also failed.

Since the Opportunity for Public Comment, I have spoken with the applicant who has indicated that they would like an opportunity to amend the project based on the concerns they heard at the Opportunity for Public Comment rather than to start over with a new application.

I am therefore requesting that Council reconsider the motion and instead of defeating the proposal, refer the proposal back to staff to work with the applicant to reduce the size of the building footprint in order to retain as many trees as practicable while still creating a viable rental housing project.

Recommendation

That Council refer the proposal back to staff to work with the applicant to reduce the size of the building footprint in order to retain as many trees as practicable while still creating a viable rental housing project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Helps".

Mayor Lisa Helps