

The Alliance of Neighborhood Associations - ANA

The City of York, Pennsylvania

May 27, 2010

Dear Mayor C. Kim Bracey, York City Council, York City Planning Commission, York City Planning Staff, and City Consultant Andrew Stern,

In order to build citizen consensus and to provide a single conduit for communication; Michael Johnson, Chair of the City of York Planning Commission, asked the Alliance of Neighborhood Associations (ANA), to review the proposed Zoning Ordinance - Part 1.

The ANA has consulted with affected neighborhood groups, York College representatives, Habitat for Humanity members, concerned college area landlords, and interested citizens to form recommendations and suggestions.

The ANA and these associates have met over 10 times and contributed well over a combined 100 hours to generate several sets of written comments which have been provided to the City Consultant, Andrew Stern of JMT.

These ANA comments provided questions, requests for inclusion of understanding, refinement in definitions, and a focus on the appropriateness and fairness of the proposed Zoning Ordinance in complimenting the Strategic Comprehensive Plan already approved and enacted by City Council 2009.

As you may remember, during the generation of the Strategic Comprehensive Plan, the citizens of many neighborhoods objected to the changes proposed to consolidate and change the zoning areas and permitted uses.

At that time the ANA agreed to provide no further objections to the Plan after the City offered to provide two definitions for Urban Neighborhoods- UN1 Residential with permitted Neighborhood Commercial to serve the adjacent residential neighborhood and UN2 with protected urban residential neighborhoods without commercial uses. As well as two definitions for Multi Use Institutional Neighborhoods were provided - MUI 1 Residential with permitted Neighborhood Commercial serving the adjacent College and Hospital neighborhoods and MUI 2 protected residential neighborhoods without commercial uses.

The ANA continues to support the Strategic Comprehensive Plan already approved and enacted by City Council in 2009, but does not agree to dilutions or deviations from the limits and protections of the Plan.

The ANA and our related associates strongly request that the proposed Zoning Ordinance- Part 1 include the following:

- 1. Strict adherence to the definitions, appropriateness, and intent of the Strategic Comprehensive Plan already approved and enacted by York City Council in 2009.**
- 2. Detailed definitions for every end use permitted in UN 1, UN 2, MUI 1, and MUI 2 including the criteria that will be need to be addressed when a use is allowed by Special Exception.**

The ANA neighborhoods wish to thank the City of York, Mayor C. Kim Bracey, the York City Council, the York Planning Commission, York City Planning Staff, , and the JMT Consultant for allowing our voices to be heard and by incorporating our citizen contributions and suggestions in the Zoning Ordinance - Part 1.

We are looking forward also to reviewing and commenting on a Draft Zoning Ordinance - Part 2 when received.

Please contact me if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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