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Development of a “Can Do” Mindset

Excerpts (slightly paraphrased) from letter provided by Steven Binette, Michael Caron, Denis Binette, Lisa Nast and Robert Chapman

- We are met with increased problems and red tape.
- We have endured unwanted, seemingly unwarranted and costly hurdles.
- We should be mirroring other like cities that have success records.
- The City places further restrictions and problems only adding to our overall burden of developing.
- City government has added unnecessary burden in the permitting process.
- We have all endured the wrath of very rigid code enforcement, planning, zoning and fire ordinances.
- These departments have floundered by applying unwarranted obstacles in our path when they should be working diligently at helping resolve these issues.
- We do not wish to make this partnership more adversarial but rather, we are in hopes we can improve the mindset of development, growth and retention as we are partnered together.

The only way to develop a true “Can DO” mindset is to include all of the relevant stakeholders in a facilitated meeting in order to get all perspectives out on the table. This means to get the perspectives of the authors of the letter as well as the perspectives of the various code enforcement entities with an opportunity for all to discuss these perspectives in an organized and facilitated way. The goal of such a meeting will be to identify the “Can Do” principles that everyone, or at minimum, a majority agrees to.

Rick Alpers of PRIMEX, the City’s Liability Insurer has agreed to facilitate the meeting. His role will be to make sure that everyone is heard in an organized and productive way.

We plan to hold this meeting on XX/XX/XXXX at XX:XX am atXXXXXXXX.