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Re: SAP-21-095 Buckhead Landing

To whom it may concern:

Regarding the presence of a breeze block knee wall on a non-street-facing patio at Buckhead Landing: it is my view that there are no practical or code-based justifications for the wall's removal.

The breeze block wall was added to the project for multiple design reasons. First, the natural slope of the site created a drop-off in this general area, which we mitigated through the introduction of bleacher seating and stepped planters, supplemented by the breeze block wall to further limit any risk to the patio's patrons. Second, the elevation of the patio relative to the adjacent sidewalk and drive aisles allows the knee wall to act as a modesty panel for anyone seated on the patio. Third, the breeze block contributes to the overall project and patio aesthetic while performing the important functions listed above. Please note: the breeze block wall is not intended to host signage – any previous renderings indicating signage in this location is not a current representation of the design.

From a code standpoint, the Zoning code does not list any restrictions that would conflict with the design of the wall asis. Regulations on fences and walls are located in Zoning Sec. 16-18I.017(6) and list three primary controls (items a-c below). I have commented below each control on why it does NOT apply in this situation.

- a. Fences and walls shall only be allowed in the supplemental zone when meeting the following regulations:
 - Fences and walls are not prohibited because none of the area between the parking lot at Buckhead Landing and the patio is a supplemental zone. The "supplemental zone" is defined (Zoning Sec. 16-18I.016) as "the area between any building, parking lot or parking structure and the back of the required sidewalk walk zone when no intervening building exists". Therefore, we need both a required sidewalk walk zone and a building to create a supplemental zone. We have a building, but there is no "required sidewalk walk zone", because the definition of a sidewalk (Zoning Sec. 16-18I.015) stipulates that sidewalks are only required along public streets. The parking lot is not a public street.
- b. Fences and walls located between the primary building and the lot line and not exceeding six feet in height may be erected but shall not be permitted between the primary building and the street.
 - Fences and walls are not prohibited because the area in question does not fall between the building and the lot line or the building and the street.
- c. No barbed wire, razor wire, chain link fence or similar elements shall be visible from any public plaza or sidewalk-level outdoor dining area, or public right-of-way.
 - A breeze block wall is not similar to barbed wire, razor wire, or chain link therefore it is not prohibited.

If you have any comments or questions feel free to reach out.

Regards,

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