Zoning Petition

To see if the City Council will vote to amend Section 13.59.33 so that it reads as set forth below.

13.59.33 Building and Site Design Requirements for Active Uses and Open Spaces.

(1) Each Active Use shall have at least one entrance from the sidewalk separate from the principal entrance of the building.

(2) Where the length of a commercial building’s primary façade exceeds 135 feet, loading, service, and garage ramp areas shall occur behind no more than one third (1/3) of ground level façade length facing a park. Along the remaining two-thirds (2/3) of ground level façade length, transparent glazing shall make up at least 40% of ground-level façade area, and areas of opaque wall may extend no more than 25 feet horizontally. Notwithstanding these design requirements, it is preferred that parking entries and service facilities not be located within that portion of a building facing Rogers Street Park.

(3) In order to provide open and inviting public access between buildings and sidewalks, a Final Development Plan shall contain attractive exterior through-block connector space in the block bounded by Binney Street, Second Street, Rogers Street and Third Street (where that area is encompassed by the Development Parcel) and shall provide for the expansion and enhancement of the existing through-block connector in the block bounded by Binney Street, Second Street, Linskey Way and Third Street (where that area is encompassed by the Development Parcel). Exterior connector space shall be open to the public at all times.

(4) Outdoor courtyards, delineated gathering space, or sitting areas are encouraged throughout the Development Parcel in any approved Final Development Plan.

(5) In order to promote pedestrian activity on adjacent public streets from tenants and employees within commercial buildings, any cafeteria serving such commercial space may be located only on the ground floor level of a building, and must be open to the public at least 20 hours per week.