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City of Aurora Planning Division
15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Ste. 2300
Aurora, CO 80012

Re: Ohr Avner Synagogue, Landscape Adjustments
Application Number: DA-2313-00
Case Numbers: 2022-6016-00

To Whom It May Concern,

Per revised landscape architectural sheets provided to the City of Aurora, the following adjustments to landscape code items are being requested.

- Section 146-4.7.5.D, Street Frontage Landscape Buffer At S. Kenton Way and S. Kingston Street
 - Based on proposed site detention requirements and associated utility easements along S. Kenton Way, limited area is available to provide for the 10' buffer requirement. As 4.5' is available for landscape buffer items, ample room is not available for the required tree plantings. Ornamental grass plantings have been provided with increased quantity to satisfy a portion of the requirement. An adjustment is being requested for the required tree plantings in this area.
 - Based on existing utilities and utility easements along S. Kingston Street, limited area is available to provide for the 10' buffer requirement. As 5' is available for landscape buffer items, ample room is available for the required tree plantings and shrubs. Shrub plantings have been provided with increased quantity as a mitigation measure. An adjustment is being requested for the buffer width in this area.
- Section 146-4.7.5.E, Non-Street Buffer At Northern Boundary
 - Based on proposed site access, parking requirements, and vehicular circulation, limited area is available to provide for the 25' buffer requirement. As 4' is available for landscape buffer items, ample room is available for the required tree and shrub plantings. Tree and shrub plantings have been provided with increased quantities as a mitigation measure. An adjustment is being requested for the buffer width in this area.
- Section 146-4.7.5.H, Special Landscape Buffer At Southern Boundary
 - Based on proposed site access, parking requirements, and pedestrian circulation, limited area is available to provide for the 25' buffer requirement. During an August 31, 2022 meeting with planning staff and consultants, the PROS planner provided verbal direction to reduce the buffer to 20' based on site design limitations. As 20' is available for landscape buffer items, ample room is available for the required tree and shrub plantings. Tree and shrub plantings have been provided with increased quantities as a mitigation measure. An adjustment is being requested for the buffer width in this area.

Upon review of the proposed adjustments, please consider the site design limitations to meet departmental code requirements and increased landscape plantings as mitigation items to offset landscape code requirements.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss any of the adjustment requests in further detail.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg M. Roesler". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Greg M. Roesler, PLA
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