

**July 20, 2021**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Comments and Position Statements**

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

**COMMENT**

Nicole McGrath-Patti

The City of Naperville is having ongoing discussions about how to increase the availability of affordable housing in our community. One approach to consider, as part of a larger plan, is educating property owners on accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and the benefits associated with them, as well as potential concerns. As one example of someone who would be interested in renting an ADU, I'll use my younger self. When I was 19, I rented a room in a private home while I worked full-time and attended the College of DuPage full-time. The owner was retired and she lived alone other than renting out two rooms in her home. It was the only place I could afford in the area and I was not there most of the time. It would have been nice to have the option of renting an ADU with my own entrance, bathroom and kitchen that was affordable. You can see examples of the style of micro apartment that would be similar to an ADU layout in Vantage on Ogden Avenue. Homeowners could increase the availability of affordable rentals while adding value to their property and giving them an additional stream of income. With rent more affordable, it would be easier for renters to save to buy their own home in the future. Many seniors also prefer to age in place and a caretaker could rent their ADU to have some personal space but be nearby for emergencies. Many older homes in Naperville in particular lend themselves to an ideal layout for an ADU with a private entrance on the back of the home to the second floor, into the basement or have space to build above the garage or in the backyard for an addition. If the City chooses to encourage residents to create ADUs, there will be some variances to existing building ordinances to consider as well as consensus building with homeowner's associations that might not currently allow ADUs. Thank you for your consideration and your work towards increasing the number of affordable rentals in Naperville so everyone can enjoy the benefits of living here.

**I3-City Council Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes**

**COMMENT**

Marilyn Schweitzer

The extreme brevity of these minutes demonstrates the necessity to have all such public meetings recorded and the recording subsequently be posted to [naperville.legistar.gov](http://naperville.legistar.gov). The public should not have to rely on members of the community in attendance to take and share notes. For example, I know at the meeting that Council was asked to indicate their priority issues, yet none of this is relayed in the minuting minutes. Please enhance the level of details in meeting minutes or ensure the public has access to recordings

**I19- Repealing the Mandatory Retirement Provision**

***COMMENT***

Marilyn Schweitzer

I wholeheartedly support this measure. That Naperville as late as 1980 instituted a mandatory retirement age for non-sworn employees is extremely surprising. Kudos to the legal department for ensuring Naperville complies with non-discriminatory state and federal regulations.