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Mr. Cox:

This is interesting. All three of these articles quote from the same SINGLE person, whose opinions are unsupported by any actual quantitative research. There are no numbers to support the assertions made in these articles. And two of them even use the exact same photograph! What's more, one of the three even notes that transparency requirements are only appropriate for retail:

"...different window types, depths, and patterns contribute to the goal of continuous variety, which is more likely to be achieved when minimum transparency levels are not set too high.... to increase privacy for residents while maintaining an active sidewalk environment for pedestrians, consider pulling the building back from the street line slightly and planting in front of the building...."

As I said during the session, you are attempting to impose these fads upon our downtown - perhaps due to having been lobbied by builders who would profit from implementing them. The residents and businesses of downtown Laramie can and will oppose you, and will continue until you move on to a city with the featureless, lifeless, character-less urban environment you're attempting to promote.

I am in the process of organizing a group to oppose harmful initiatives such as this and speak with a unified voice to City Council. It is Council - enacting the will of the people - who should be making these decisions, not an irresponsible unelected bureaucrat.

--Brett Glass

At 09:48 AM 1/20/2021, Matthew Cox wrote:

Brett & Billie,

Below are links to a number of articles about transparency in buildings and have attached some as well:

- <https://urbanland.uli.org/industry-sectors/infrastructure-transit/eight-qualities-of-pedestrian-and-transit-oriented-design/?submitted=true>
- [https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/plans-studies/active-design-sidewalk/active\\_design.pdf](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/plans-studies/active-design-sidewalk/active_design.pdf)
- <https://www.nar.realtor/blogs/spaces-to-places/urban-design-qualities-to-encourage-walkability>

There are many more articles, but please look over and reach out with questions if you have any. Also, feel free to send back articles or any publishing that negates the points made in these.

All the best,

**Matthew Cox**

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