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Good afternoon,

I am forwarding along this email on behalf of the Disability Commission. Please see below.

Thank you,
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Dear Andrew, Kin Lau and Jenny,

I am the Chair of the disability commission of the Town of Arlington. We are an appointed group of commissioners by the Town Select Board to insure that our community complies with ADA and other compliance as it relates to all areas of disability and inclusion. I am writing to you on behalf of the commission.

Recently, we received a complaint that includes the following:

I would like to bring to your attention the pending Hotel Lexington proposal before the redevelopment board. It does not appear that the applicant has bothered to provide any accessible rooms in the 50 room hotel. The latest plans show very small rooms with passage ways between the furniture of not more than 24". The bathrooms with doors swinging inward, do not seem to meet ADA standards.

There is a single Handicapped parking space in the rear lot, located on a steep (at least 5%) driveway. From my limited understanding of state requirements for accessibility, these conditions fall woefully short of compliance.

The Commission would ask that the vote with the redevelopment board be postponed until the commission can review the plans and ensure that the plans are both ADA compliant and inclusive.

We have not as yet studied the plans at at first glance, it would appear they would need 3- HP accessible rooms with at least a "wheel-in-shower" , which is not obvious in the plans.

As a 50 room hotel, the developer is asking for a variance to 32 spaces. (AAB rules say if 26-50 spaces, 2 must be HP).

We invite both the developer and whoever they feel is necessary to our next meeting. They may contact Jill Harvey above. Our meetings are the third Wednesday of the month from 4-6. I will be putting the developers plans on the agenda for this month. Commissioners, please review in preparation at :

<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/New/News/9931/3864>

Our interest is to work collaboratively with the developer and the town so that mistakes are not made that ultimately are not in the best interest of our community and its citizens and visitors with disabilities.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Feel free to call me should you need to discuss this further.

All the Best,
Cynthia

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