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**Subject:** Question on Procedures re Temple Herzl and other Public Comment Process

Hello Jessi, I had responded to the Notice of Public Application and never received a response. Then, there is a new Weekly Bulletin and supposedly, there was a letter which was addressed to me from August 10th, but I never knew anything about the letter. Is it City's responsibility to make sure that those who are on record receive the letters/correspondence and anything to do with that site?

And then, this is coming before the Hearing Examiner, when I clicked on the Staff Report, there was nothing there. And now that you have got rid of the Design Commission, who is now responsible for making sure that what the applicant puts down on the application form is correct?

And for example, the MI City Code specifically states that chain link fences are not allowed. But then, on the plans, the Temple Herzl applicant is showing a chain link fence and showing where it is going to be placed. So now, it is not allowed, but they are going to be installing it, is it my job to tell them it is not allowed as per Code or should it not have been the intake person to inform the applicant that they are not allowed to install a chain link fence?

And then, this is to come before the Hearing Examiner, so the chain link fence is not allowed as per the MICC, but the applicant is showing plans to install it. What exactly is the Hearing Examiner's responsibility? Is he then to ask where in the Code does it state that you are not allowed a chain link fence, then I point it out that it is forbidden:4.

**Fences.** Fences should be made of masonry, ornamental metal or wood, or some combination of the three. The use of chain link, plastic or wire fencing is prohibited.

*Exceptions.* These provisions do not apply to fences required by state law to enclose public utilities, or to chain link fences enclosing school grounds or public playgrounds, or to screens used for safety measures in public recreation areas such as ballfields.

But the chain link fence they want to install is to surround a parking lot, so you tell me when it states that a chain link fence is prohibited, why then is the applicant even asking to install a chain link fence and why didn't the intake person or the person reading the plans tell them of the fact? Why am I having to tell them that they are not allowed a chain link fence and what exactly is the Hearing Examiner supposed to allow? Isn't he supposed to tell them that he is reading that chain link fences are not allowed as per the MICC Code, and then, that would mean that the applicant has to come up with another kind of fence that is permissible would they not?

Thanks for explaining the process as I am not comprehending this public comment process and why I did not get notification that there was a response letter addressed to me and that what they are requesting is not allowed.

Sarah