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To the Planning and Zoning Commissioners and Staff:

After reviewing the proposed text amendments and meeting with staff from the Department of Planning and Zoning, a committee of the Frog Hollow NRZ is recommending the following changes be made to the proposed text amendments:

1. No outdoor queuing. Outdoor queuing is both inhumane for the people seeking medical services and creates problems for neighbors.
2. Clinic must be 1,500 feet from a public library. We do not want libraries to become ad hoc waiting rooms for clients of the clinics.
3. Allow co-location of compatible uses, do not require a stand-alone use. Co-location of compatible services would make it easier for clients to seek multiple services in a single location.
4. Remove the rear entrance requirement. Principal entrance may be located other than the main façade. Clients should not be made to suffer the indignity of using a back door.
5. Mandatory bicycle parking on-site. This would encourage both clients and staff to use bicycles to access work/services.
6. 43,000sf minimum lot area for a 8,250sf would result in less than 25% of the property to be used for an actual building. This appears counter to recent zoning changes that were intended to reduce parking requirements. We recommend a smaller minimum lot size.

Thank you for considering these recommendations.

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