
Fwd: Listening Session 2/26

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For the Munjoy Hill file.

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> Good afternoon, just wanted to touch base regarding the 1st Listening Session. It was a successful turnout due to everyone pitching in and getting the word out! I hope the next one is as well attended.
> Thank you for hosting and I look forward to the next one.
> The exercise was a great interactive tool, however I am not sure it hit the mark and was a TRUE reflection of the neighborhood's opinion. Many in the room were NOT residents. If you plan on using that technique at the next session to gather feedback I would strongly suggest that as an intro you ask the residents to identify themselves and use that opportunity to hand out the clickers first. That way the feedback would be a TRUE representation of Munjoy Hill.
> If you want a TRUE representation,
> which I think was the goal, residents should be given first consideration. Wouldn't you agree?
> I did not get a chance to speak (but was prepared) due to a few long dissertations presented by non residents at the very beginning of the public comments. Perhaps a two minute rule would be in order and appropriate. That would give more folks a chance to share their thoughts.
> I hope to speak at the next session but feel that I missed a golden opportunity.
> As all of you know many residents are alarmed and disturbed, to say the least by the number of demolitions that have transpired recently, and the type of buildings that have or potentially will replace them. So FIRST and foremost and eminently important but ignored in the IPOD is the need for:
> 1) DEMOLITION guidelines/standards to be implemented. This is imperative! The guidelines could mirror those already in place in the HP Ordinance. They are already in place and proven to work. Why reinvent the wheel?
> Also a need for:
> 2) DIMENSIONAL guidelines/standards that address scale and mass of buildings in relation to their immediate surroundings.
> 3) DESIGN & BUILDING standards and guidelines that eliminate the alternate design option and insure that the R-6 infill standards apply to lots over 10,000 SF. Standards that address quality construction. Let's build them to last. Consider offering incentives for energy conserving and environmentally sensitive "green buildings"
> Lastly but not least, whatever decisions that are made at the Council level which affect Munjoy Hill should be driven by the wishes of the RESIDENTS!
> See you on 3/24 😬
> Sincerely,
> Paula (for Portland) Guillemette Agopian 🙌
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