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Jeff, I'd like to thank you for the excellent presentation on Saturday morning and express an optimism that a reasonable set of revised/new zoning rules will emerge from this lengthy and thoughtful process. As I have already expressed, it seems to me that the overwhelming concern expressed by those that are nervous about new development is the **scale** of recent buildings. Perhaps it is wishful thinking, but I think that modern design is of less importance to most people than both bulk and a reasonable proportion of ground floor living space (vs. garage). To that end, I do hope that the emergent zoning rules allow for a versatility of expression, including roof-lines, windows, etc. -- as well as encouraging high-performance components.

I have one suggestion at this point, which is to have Deb Andrews do a presentation on the Historic Preservation Office's position on Munjoy Hill designations. Having spoken with Deb after the meeting, and reflecting on various comments made during the meeting, I sense that the City's positions on this subject are not well understood, and are much less "scary" than a lot of people (including myself) think.

As noted previously, I would be happy to participate in other round tables or other venues where allied professions can both listen and offer feedback.

best regards,
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