
Fwd: Preserving Munjoy Hill: a Citizen's Plea

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For the Munjoy Hill file.

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Friday Morning well before Noon

Greetings to the Planning Commission,

I support zoning regulation that will preserve the historic character of Munjoy Hill, a character that is being eroded by speculative development of "big box" condo-type housing.

This new housing is out of financial reach for most Maine residents and destroys the turn-of-the-century feel of the streets and classic homes. The invasion of "Big Box" structures is a blight on the design and scale of housing here, and tilts the neighborhood toward "big money" residents.

We need a) stronger language regarding demolition, including public hearings on demolition requests; b) design standards that ensure compatible scale/mass new architecture, and c) a timeline for final "historic district" designations now under consideration.

I live on Munjoy Hill in a modest turn-of-the-century condo and am of modest financial means. I love the neighborly feel of the blocks around me that seem slowly to be dominated by big box construction. This irrevocably alters the historic look and feel of this special landmark community.

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