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Construction planning

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As a Munjoy Hill resident, I agree with responses that Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Association has commented on as follows:

- Recommend that the Planning Department begin the historic designation process.
- Discourage demolitions by amending the dimensional standards so that the scale and mass of a project's context is taken into account when determining the maximum dimensions allowed.
- This is a great idea! I support the alternative design review option with reviews conducted by the Historic Preservation Board.
- Support an 18 month demolition delay that includes public notice and comment.
- Remove language on non-conforming building extensions that would apply city-wide from the discussion of R-6 zoning on Munjoy Hill to allow time for substantive review and comment by the public in other areas of the city.

May I also recommend that the entire planning board read "The Biophilia Effect, A Scientific and Spiritual Exploration of the Healing Bond Between Humans and Nature by Clemens Arvay. Here is a quote that is so important to pay attention to: **"Biological Communication** *Plants communicate directly with our immune system and unconscious without us even needing to touch, much less swallow them. This fascination interaction between human and plant is hugely significant for medicine and psychotherapy and is just starting to be understood by science. It keeps us physically and mentally healthy and prevents illness. In the future, contact with plants has to play an important role in treating physical illness and mental disorders. There simply must not be clinics without a garden or access to a meadow and forest, **no new neighborhoods without vegetation and no cities without wilderness.**"*

And to add a mention of two areas of examples negating the above quote, the construction currently taking place near Ocean Gateway and the replacement condo construction that went up on the corner of Fore and Waterville street are not in consideration of the above quote in any way. The beautiful lawn/garden on Fore and Waterville was replaced by a 4 story building and roof drainage abutting the sidewalk. As person who walks by that on a regular basis, my body notices. And now there is another proposal for Shipyard to squeeze even more green space from the area. The city has lost or maybe never had a healthy human vision. My request is that you start to wake up and listen to local residents so that money and the interest of out of state

wealth stops trumping a healthy community and vibrant community on this beautiful peninsula.

Respectfully,  
Jeri Schroeder

P.S. Since my husband and I purchased our building 20 some years ago, I plant beautiful flowers on every square inch of green space that we own. I cannot tell you how many folks have share their appreciation of this beauty and health add quality as they walk by.

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