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**Fwd: Montreal Willis Development: ) OCT 17**

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To: Jennifer Munson <jmy@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, Oct 17, 2018 at 10:03 AM

Jen,

I'm going to forward a series of emails I've received on 37 Montreal since the packet went out. Can you upload these to the website as well? Thanks!

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From: **Debby Murray** <debbym@awi.net>  
Date: Tue, Oct 16, 2018 at 1:34 PM  
Subject: Montreal Willis Development: ) OCT 17  
To: Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, <dga@portlandmaine.gov>

Hello Deb and Belinda,

I feel as if this is my possibly last letter about the development on 31-31 Montreal but as I cannot attend tomorrow night, here's hoping it makes it into the binder.

So I hear that the project will likely be approved but I don't understand how it can be? Rather than writing you an umpteenth letter about how the 15 unit, 4 story plan is too big (which it is) I will take another tack.

On Willis Street there is a restoration currently underway that I urge you to look at. Craftsmen are carefully restoring a single family home. It's been a joy to observe. I cannot believe after all the care and work that has gone into this project, the owner will potentially look at a blank wall of townhouses. She has lost her view, her light and in my opinion, her sense of place in the neighborhood. Soon her hard work will be lost in a sea of cars, a 45 foot wall of building, and scale beyond the single family house she has restored.

This is very sad. This whole process has been sad. We carefully and thoughtfully opposed this project and nothing I see in the new renderings convinces me that the developers have tried to work with the new rules. In fact nothing about the planning board's reaction to the project convinces me that the city gives a fig about neighbors' opinions. It's money, money, money and as I have previously written, frustrating and sad.

I will pick up the paper with a mixture of hope and dread on Thursday morning.

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