

Comment on 28 Vannah Ave Project

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Dear City of Portland Planning Board,

As a resident of Vannah Ave, I frequently walk past 28 Vannah to patron nearby businesses, as well as visit friends and neighbors in the surrounding area. This section of businesses along Vannah Ave, Grace St, and Forest Ave has a very industrial and depressing feeling for those of us who walk it everyday. There are numerous dirt and paved parking lots, guard rails and dumpsters, and forgotten or abandoned sidewalks. Some of the true highlights of 28 Vannah's current state is the amount of green space visible to the passer by, the openness of the property, and the set back of the existing building. I'm am very excited for the established sidewalk that is planned for the property! This will help tremendously as currently there isn't one and many pedestrians use Vannah Ave as a thoroughfare to the Back Cove Trail.

While I understand the desire to build up and out to the lot's maximum potential, I would love for there to be an attractive amount of greenery to help beautify the area as well as transition into our residential neighborhood. Is there the potential to add additional landscaping to the property? Instead of a decorative fence, could there be a more natural barrier, a mix of shrubs, trees or plantings that could have the same effect as a fence but be more open, inviting and green for the public?

Thank you for keeping the neighborhood and public in mind!

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