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RE: Staff Review Comments for Amendments to Approved Plans for 130 Eastern Promenade

Project Name: 130 Eastern Promenade Plan Amendments
Address: 130 Eastern Promenade
Applicant: Eileen Simko-Minte
Planner: Nell Donaldson

Project ID: 2013-236
CBL: 003 C001001

Dear Ms. Simko-Minte:

Thank you for submitting an application for amendments to the approved Level II site plan for renovation and conversion of the existing three-story residential structure at 130 Eastern Promenade. For reference, the original approval letter, dated June 30, 2011, is attached. The amendments have been reviewed subject to the Site Plan Ordinance, Article V of the Land Use Code.

Staff Review Comments

1. Transportation Standards

It is noted that the parking configuration in the amended plans differs substantially from the approved plans and does not comply with the original conditions of approval. However, Thomas Errico, consulting traffic engineer, writes of the amended parking configuration,

I have reviewed the details of the proposed project and I find conditions to be acceptable from a traffic perspective. I would note that I support waivers from our technical standards for parking stall and aisle width dimensions. It is my professional opinion that the majority of site circulation maneuvers can occur on-site and if backing maneuvers do occur, Wilson Street is a very low volume and speed roadway.

Formal requests for waivers from the technical standards should be submitted with the revised submittal.

David Margolis-Pineo, of the city's Department of Public Services, comments,

To stay in character with the neighborhood, the applicant is requested to reuse the granite curb "Bugs" to define the driveway cut and not granite tipdowns as proposed.



Please score a defined joint between the proposed concrete walk infill and the existing concrete walk.

2. Environmental Quality Standards

Landscaping and Landscape Preservation

As noted in prior correspondence, landscaping plans should be updated to reflect changes to the existing street tree configuration on the Eastern Promenade.

Jeff Tarling, the city's arborist, has reviewed the amended plans, which relocate the rain garden, remove terrace area, and remove trees, among other landscaping changes. He writes,

The project proposes two new street trees along Wilson Street. Due to overhead utility lines overhead on the second tree (away from E Prom) that tree should be a smaller tree such as Sargent Cherry, Japanese Tree Lilac vs the 'Armstrong' Red Maple as shown. The maple is good for the tree closest the prom with no overhead wires.

The project should review tree planter width recommended at 3.5' min and ideal at 4'. Sidewalk needs to comply with ADA standards on width. This may require a cut-out in the sidewalk and tree grate.

Review and increase plant sizes for the 1 gallon plant sizes to 3 gallon size on 'Grow-low sumac, the crab-apple recommendation would be "Adirondack". Options for the proposed Japanese Tree Lilac could also be dogwood or crab-apple.

Of the tree well size, Mr. Margolis-Pineo adds,

Please extend the proposed tree planter cut out to 3.75' wide from inside face of curb to be consistent with cut outs up the street.

Mr. Tarling also suggests,

The back property line near the proposed parking should include a low wood fence to screen car parking along with a complement of landscape treatment. The landscape treatment or planting should include shrub planting to help as a screen. The ideal height would be 5 - 6', perhaps 'Korean' Lilac size... the available planter width along the property line should be widened to perhaps 3' if possible to accommodate this planting space. Narrowing the proposed paved walk space between the drive and building could be reduced perhaps to find space.

Could the trash dumpster be moved up toward the street equal to the car parking area, approximately 6 - 8' to provide landscape space in the corner?

As previously noted regarding the trash area, which appears to have moved closer to the adjacent



property, additional details should be provided in revised plans. These details should indicate how the proposal for the trash and recycling area has changed, how the area is now proposed to be enclosed, if at all, and proposed dimensions (including distance to the property line). Additional landscaping in this area should also be considered, in order to enhance screening.

Likewise, please indicate the location of the condenser units, which are now proposed to be located inside a “full height architectural shingled element” in the carport, on the amended plans.

Water Quality, Storm Water Management and Erosion Control

David Senus, the city’s consulting civil engineer, provides the following comments on the amended plans,

The rain garden details on sheet D-1.0 and the retaining wall detail on L-5.1 indicate that an underdrain will exist below the rain garden and at the base of the retaining wall; however, no underdrains are depicted on the site plans. If an underdrain is required for these systems, we encourage day-lighting the underdrain(s) in lieu of a direct connection to the combined sewer; clarification should be provided on the plans and/or details.

The Inspection and Maintenance Plan for Stormwater Management Facilities should include reference to annual reporting requirements in accordance with and in reference to Chapter 32 of the City of Portland Code of Ordinances.

3. Public Infrastructure and Community Safety Standards

No comments at this time.

4. Site Design Standards

Historic Resources

As the project lies adjacent to the Eastern Promenade Historic Landscape District, Deb Andrews, Historic Preservation Manager, has reviewed the revised elevations. She has suggested that the architect consider retaining more of the building’s original details, as shown on the 1924 tax photo (and which appear to be omitted in the amended plans), such as the window lintel detail, the first floor entry details, and the dentil course on the pediment. Direct discussion with Ms. Andrews on this matter is suggested. She can be reached at 874-8726.

Exterior Lighting

Please confirm that no lighting changes have been made to the original, approved plans.

Additional Submittals Required

It should be noted that, in accordance with the original conditions of approval, a stormwater maintenance agreement will be required and property corners will need to be set. In addition, a note should be added to the site plan indicating that work within the right-of-way will be coordinated with the Department of Public services.



Planning & Urban Development Department

Mr. Senus and Mr. Margolis-Pineo both note that the final submittal must include plans stamped and signed by a Maine Licensed Professional Engineer,

The Applicant has noted that, in accordance with the Site Plan Review Conditions of Approval, all site plans will be stamped and signed by a Maine Licensed Professional Engineer; at this time, the plans have not be stamped and signed.

Note that the Planning Authority may request additional information during the continued review of the proposal according to applicable laws, ordinances and regulations.

Planning Staff Recommendation

Based upon the staff review of the amended site plan, I recommend that the applicant proceed with submission of a final plan for staff review. Please submit one (1) complete paper set and one (1) digital set of plans and documents to address staff comments. Upon receipt of the revised material, the City of Portland will review the additional plans and information for conformance with applicable ordinances. Please be aware that an application expires within 120 days of the date upon which this written request for additional information was made.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 874-8723 or by email at hcd@portlandmaine.gov.

Sincerely,

Neil Donaldson
Planner

Attachments

1. 130 Eastern Promenade Approval Letter to Fish House Realty, June 30, 2011

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