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To: Jean Fraser <JF@portlandmaine.gov>
CC: Bruce Hyman <bhyman@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: 7/10/2014 11:24 AM
Subject: Re: Cardente Truck Staging Area Proposal

Thanks Jean,

A few quick comments/questions, since I am bogged down in my own work-world right now.

Did you confirm Mike Bobinski is in the loop? Also I would caution not to listen to everything the neighborhood association says, they do not speak for all of us. Our Condo Association has expressed significant concern to me and one other owner about the truck traffic in the context of bicycle/pedestrian improvements, traffic calming, and the byway project.

Has a truck Route been identified? Has the intersection of Franklin Street and Fox Street been analyzed? One thing, as you know, with a high rental resident/immigrant population I can guarantee many do not know anything about this. I would love to see the analysis first-hand, as well as Tom Errico's recommendation in the context of bicycle/pedestrian users, as well as any written comments Bruce has provided. I cc'ed him on this e-mail so he is also in the loop. I strikes me by holding two public meetings on all the good things to come to the neighborhood with Bruce and Mike, and then no public meeting on this is troubling, even if it does qualify as a "administrative review".

One other thing I question is how this fits in with the City's vision of Bayside/East Bayside. When I researched it before buying my condominium I don't recall seeing intermodal truck staging facilities as desirable for the area, nor additional heavy truck traffic in a burgeoning arts/residential district. With a Mosque now located on the street, check out a Friday afternoon if you haven't already.

I am a little concerned by what I read (don't believe all that your read) in that this has come about by the owner because he can't a better use for the property (paraphrased). That always rings bells in my head when I hear it.

Respectfully,

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On Tue, Jul 8, 2014 at 3:12 PM, Jean Fraser <JF@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

> Greg
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> Thank you for your comments.

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> The City of Portland does not normally post any applications on the web
> unless its going to the Planning Board or City Council (and then they are
> posted along with the staff cover report on the Friday before the meeting.
> This is a staff review, so I have attached the key documents
> (excluding deeds, drainage analysis, and fire hydrant locations).
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> The Traffic Engineering Reviewer is Tom Errico and he is involved with the
> proposed improvements and will be discussing this project with DPS staff
> which includes Bruce Hyman; I am meeting with Tom tomorrow morning and
> will double check that Mike Bobinsky is in the loop. We will be asking for
> more information regarding the traffic implications and pedestrian
> accommodations.
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> The period for public comment is until July 11th, so I suggest you send
> any comments asap and if/when we receive further information I will let you
> know how we anticipate the review will progress.
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> thank you
> Jean
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> *Jean Fraser, Planner*
> *City of Portland*
> *874 8728*
> >>> Greg Tansley <gtansley13@gmail.com> 7/8/2014 10:08 AM >>>
> Hello Jean,
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> Although I am the City Planner in Biddeford, I am writing as a condo owner
> at 145 Anderson Street. Are the site plans and application materials
> available online for the proposal for 122 Anderson Street? I could not find
> anything online regarding the proposal, which I have been told is been
> reviewed (and possibly approved) administratively at the Staff level.
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> If you could direct me to more information it would be greatly
> appreciated. A few of the other condo owners in my building have expressed
> concerns about the proposal but admittedly I have only just learned about
> it. I am also curious if Bruce Hyman and Mike Bobinski have been involved
> with respect to the planned CDBG projects involving the redesign of the
> Anderson Street/Fox Street Intersection and traffic
> calming/byway/pedestrian and bike improvements on efforts on Anderson
> Street.
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> Respectfully,
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> Greg Tansley
> 145 Anderson Street #3
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