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Alex Jaegerman, FAICP Division Director, Planning Division

March 4th, 2014

Craig Hill, Project Manager Wright-Ryan Construction, Inc. 10 Danforth Street Portland, ME 04101

Project Name:

Request for approval to advance site work for Munjoy Heights development

Project ID:

#2013-228

CBL:

12-F-2 (part), F-4, F-7, F-18; 12-G-6; 12-H-1, H-3, H-5, H-7, H-9, H-13, H-17, H-22

Address:

79 Walnut Street

Applicant:

Jonathan Culley, Redfern Munjoy LLC

Planner:

Jean Fraser

Dear Mr Hill:

Thank you for your letter dated February 26th, 2014 (received March 3rd, 2014) requesting approval to undertake site work prior to the receipt of a building permit.

On December 17th, 2013, the Portland Planning Board approved with conditions a proposal to construct a 30 "lot" residential subdivision made up of 29 new units in six 3-4 story townhouse-style buildings and one existing residential building on a reconfigured lot.

As provided in Section 14-532, this letter serves as the written permission from the Planning Authority to commence site work on this project prior to the issuance of a building permit. The commencement of site work is limited to the extent of work outlined in your letter dated February 26, 2014 (attached) as listed below and is subject to the conditions outlined in this letter:

Extent of Work

- 1) Mobilization of necessary equipment to cut and clear the wooded areas;
- 2) Clearance of the site (but not demolition of any buildings);
- 3) Earth regrading;
- Installation of erosion and sedimentation controls as approved, and as required for the construction site access points.

Conditions

- That the "limit of clearance work" shall be clearly marked on the site with construction tape or snow fencing, including marking of existing vegetation that is to remain and be protected from storage of vehicles or materials, and reviewed with Phil diPierro prior to the start of site work; and
- That all erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be in place as per the approved plans, and to include any additional measures as advised by Phil diPierro in respect of the site access via the Waterhouse property off of Washington Avenue; and
- 2) That the amended Construction Management Plan shall be reviewed and approved prior to the use of the proposed access from Washington Avenue via the Waterhouse site to undertake the site work subject of this letter. The Plan should address any comments from City staff, and would normally include traffic management arrangements; routes for demolition and site work vehicles; pedestrian accommodations; control of dust, noise and vibration; proposed methods for preventing material from being deposited on the streets; and a plan for keeping neighbors informed of any activities that may have adverse impacts on them.

Notes

- 1) Please note the 2.28.14 discussions with Jaime Parker of Portland Trails regarding the salvaging of granite pieces, boulders and similar items (eg cobblestones) located on the site. We support this request and would encourage you to work with Jaime and Portland Trails, and Jeff Tarling and others in DPS, to help ensure these are carefully removed and salvaged, stored in a secure location and reused as far as practical in the new development or offered to Portland Trails for use in the nearby trail system; and
- 2) Please note that this letter does not relate to any advance work in relation to any utilities on or off the site.

Please be advised that you must obtain any permits that may be required from Public Works for the temporary closing of any sidewalks, any street openings and any temporary loss of on-street parking. Building permits must be obtained from the Inspections Division prior to the demolition of any buildings or commencement of any construction of any buildings, foundations or structures. Also please see attached the Citys Ordinances regarding construction activities and hours of work, and the associated Department of Public Services waiver request form re hours of work.

The approval to proceed with the site work is based on the submitted request of February 26th, 2014 and the approved subdivision/site plan as referenced in the Planning Board approval letter dated December 17, 2013 (attached). If you need to make any modifications to the approved subdivision/site plan, you must submit revised plans for staff review and approval.

Please contact Philip DiPierro, Development Review Coordinator at 874-8632 regarding the preconstruction meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Fraser on 874 8728.

Sincerely,

Alex Jaegerman

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Planning Division Director

Attachments:

- 1. Request letter from Wright-Ryan Construction, Inc. dated February 26, 2014;
- 2. Planning Board Subdivision and Site Plan Approval letter;
- 3. City Ordinance regarding Construction, and DPS Waiver request form re hours of work.

ce: Jonathan Culley (owner/applicant)
Will Savage (Engineer for applicant)

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Approval Letter File
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