

Jean Fraser - Re: PB Hearing 12.17.2013 re Munjoy Heights

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Hi Jean, Caitlin, and Jonathan,

I think I wrote to the planning board about a month ago expressing some concerns about how this development's internal street would be designed, and about maintaining pedestrian connectivity to the Jack Path and Cove Street. These latest designs completely allay those concerns for my part. I could easily see myself walking my future kids to school through the proposed woonerf — I think it has strong potential to be a great place.

I especially appreciate the inclusion of storm water gardens in the street. This is a great example of how we can accommodate more wild nature in our neighborhoods even as the city continues to develop and transform formerly-vacant lots like these.

I applaud the developer's creativity here (thanks Jonathan) and would also like to thank the city's staff (especially Caitlin) for encouraging this innovative design solution. I hope that the city will encourage more streets like these in other developments by adopting these design elements in the city's technical manual.

Cheers,
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[cc'ing the city manager so that he knows his staff are doing a good job]

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On Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 3:52 PM, Jean Fraser <JF@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

This was bounced back to me, so I have pared down the attachments and hope this gets to you. Jean