

28 Vannah Avenue Portland, Maine 04103 Tel: 207.781.5242

Fax: 207.781.4245

October 16, 2013 File: 13105

Ms. Jean Fraser City of Portland 389 Congress Street, 4th Floor Portland, ME 04101

RE: EMAIL FROM KAREN AND MARTY MCGEE 133 YORK STREET

Dear Jean,

Thank you for forwarding me the email noted above. Many of the concerns and questions raised are process and City Ordinance questions that are best handled by the City Staff. We are in an unfortunate situation where these neighbors were treated very poorly by the Harborview Development. We are willing to work with them, but as you can see from the email they oppose the project.

We plan to revise the electrical and the gas service so it enters the building from York Street. This will eliminate the service currently from the McCormick building site.

As you know, we are working with the City Staff on the design of the building and in particular the rear elevations. We believe we are in compliance with the City's Standards.

As for the size of the building and its height, the Ordinance provides for structures of this size. The Ordinance is set up to be fair not only to the current residents but for the new residents as well. It is not a first in wins situation. The developers have invested a lot of time and money in this project based on the Ordinance. The six units are allowed by the density, and the height of the building is within those Ordinance limits. We expect the Board to approve our project as it meets those Standards.



Mr. Jean Fraser October 16, 2013 2 of 2 File: 13105

The developers are working with the contractor to prepare a Construction Plan that details how the building will be constructed, staying within the property currently owned. Most likely a Sheeting Plan will be developed for the rear boundary line. It would be far easier if we could obtain an access easement from the McCormick building, but that is, as you know, this is not likely to occur. Our attorney will address the ramifications of the situation.

Thank you very much for you consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

PINKHAM & GREER

homas S. Greer, P.

Enclosures

cc: Jeremy Benn/Joe Flynn, Paul Peck, File

TSG/rjs