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To: Jean Fraser <jf@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: 6/30/2015 5:57 PM
Subject: RE: Final submissions for Jewish Community Center at 1342 Congress Street

Thanks for getting back to me.

I had assumed that since they were having child care over there, they wouldn't let us drive around their building. If we can still do that then it's not a problem. Do you know if when my grandchildren visit we could use the playground?

I have totally lost control of my yard, the invasive vines and other stuff are winning and spreads over to their property and I can't stop it. The other issue is that when my neighbors put up their stockade fence, we lost a lot of sunlight in the back and another one would make gardening, what little I do, impossible.

Date: Mon, 29 Jun 2015 13:25:41 -0400
 From: JF@portlandmaine.gov
 To: mainemama@hotmail.com
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Pat

The July 14th date is firm and dependent on when the Planning Board has a place on an agenda. If you are going to be away, I would be happy to meet with you before you go, and of course you can send comments to the Board that they will take into account.

I have tried to answer your questions in red below.

Thank you
 Jean

Jean Fraser, Planner
 City of Portland
 874 8728>>> Patricia Bernard <mainemama@hotmail.com> 6/28/2015 11:44 AM >>>

Thanks for sending this.

If the conditional use is only for 2 years then what happens? The conditional use is not time limited.

I don't see where the traffic study addresses the problem we have turning left out of Lassell St. The exit from the shopping center next to the building makes it almost impossible to get out of our street between lights on Stevens Ave. I've been complaining for years that that exit should be blocked. There will be more weekday traffic, making it harder than ever to get out and turn left. I'm glad that the daycare and play areas are on my side of the building because occasionally cars sneak in the exit and they really gun it and I'm surprised that they haven't hit a pedestrian yet. **I am not quite sure what you are referring to. Our Traffic Engineer wants everyone from his project and from the dental offices who want to turn left onto Congress to use the proposed drive and parking lot to get to the Westgate exit where there are signals that allow a safe left turn. A formal agreement between the applicant and the dental offices has been made to allow that access. You would be able to do the same (drive through the dental parking lot and turn left etc to get to the signals). The number of vehicles that would be doing this is small, even adding in Lassall.**

I'm also have concerns about how the landscaping affects my property. Please let me know what they are- our City Arborist reviews the landscaping and I meet with him on wednesday morning. You can telephone me if you would like.

Is the July 14th date firm. It seems that when we get a date, it gets changed to when we've made plans to get away. I am sorry that its not convenient for you but it is not something that I have any control over. I am on vacation that week but will be coming back for the Planning Board meeting. But before you go I would like to be sure that we have understood your concerns and hopefully been able to ensure they are addressed.

Date: Fri, 26 Jun 2015 17:19:37 -0400
From: JF@portlandmaine.gov
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Subject: Final submissions for Jewish Community Center at 1342 Congress Street

Hello

I am writing to update you on the Site Plan and Conditional Use review of this project.

I have just received the final submission which will be considered by the Planning Board at a hearing (where they vote on whether to approve or not) on Tuesday, July 14th (evening- time not yet confirmed). If you live nearby you will be receiving postcard notices regarding the meeting.

I attach the cover letter, the elevations, and the 3 key plans (site plan, landscape plan and grading), but the applicant has also sent the following and I can send any/all of this in separate e-mails upon request (you are also welcome to visit the third floor City Hall Inspections office and view the entire submission on our computer system):

P&S agreement
Trip Generation and parking data
Neighborhood meeting notes
Easement with Westgate re access
Floor plan

If you wish to send written comments that I would include in the PB Hearing Report, please get them to me by the end of tuesday July 7th. Any written comments that do not get into the Report will be circulated to the Board members at the hearing.

The PB Hearing includes a "public comment" section where you may give verbal comments to the Board, and you are welcome to do that in addition to sending written comments to me to bring to the Board's attention.

I will send a further update to confirm the meeting time, and also when reports and submissions will go onto the city's website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

thank you
Jean

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