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Greetings wonderful City of Portland workers!

I live in the Woodstock area and recently attended 2 of the charatte meetings that occurred here. I am very interested in the future development of the Woodstock area and would like to make a number of suggestions:

1. Any new construction in the Woodstock center, on Woodstock itself, should be limited to 4 stories and include step backs so as to maintain a sense of human proportion. The possibility of up to 2 more stories might be acceptable if there is sufficient step back for both the front and rear of the building AND there is additional public amenity such as plaza space, underground parking, and other creative ideas.
2. Presently, Woodstock village is lined with many parking lots. Sounds great to move these to the backs of buildings or other creative ideas and turn street facing property into shops and/or living/shop units. However, parking space plans need to be realistic especially if dwellings are added.
3. I would like to see some kind of regulation of signage so that the area does not become a jumble of signs competing for attention.
4. The neighborhood could really use some additional small manufacturing options. there are a few now but in order to achieve the 20 minutes goal we need more places for people to walk to work that are not just retail shops (which don't hire that many people). However, small manufacturing sites need to be well blended with the village as a whole, not be on main street, and offer public amenities.
5. Public transportation sites should be spruced up.

Thank you so much for the work you are doing. I'm not sure all of these comments are at all helpful as I know there is only so much that can go into the plan. But these are my thoughts!

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