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Please can you forward this to the Staff Reviewing this application for Rex Street Property, and to the Architect and the Owners:

1. Thank you for considering the existing properties on Rex Street and designing an improvement that fits in to the streetscape instead of standing out loudly and too modern. It would be nice if the colors of the addition were subtle earth tones to help the mass fade away, yet be complimentary and obvious from the original historic house element.
2. Thank you for the attractive design that seems in the drawings to juxtapose a distinct addition in the back to a restored original house in the front with the hugely important evergreen tree where hawks sometime rest. I knew Rita and was a friend of hers, and often watched her feed cats in the neighborhood.
3. Can you please not raise the grade so as to get a taller new construction on top of a mountain?
4. Will you be leaving the space where the garage to be demolished is for front yard landscaping element for Rex Street, as that would be nice to not see property line to property line build out? And, the yard space in the back looks ample and helps one feel that the property improvement has some remaining yard space to help retain Old Town Charm, meaning it is not all build out with no yard space. Thank you.
5. The uninterrupted vertical board and batt siding on the two story height of the corner element in the SW View might look less tall and imposing if such was broken up in a benign pattern to help reduce the verticality of such.
6. If and when you select exterior landscape lighting, can you please select discreet dark sky lighting so that the new light does not trespass onto neighboring properties and further erode our peaceful ambiance of Rex Street after dark?

Thank you Owners and Architect for doing what apparently looks like a very nice improvement here in Old Town.

Respectfully,

Tom Rafferty

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