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Dear ZAP Committee and Colleagues who attended the recent meeting,

Yesterday Councilor Danberg and I met with Planning Department staff to discuss the ZAP agenda, as we will be doing every two weeks. I had read the report and heard from Senior Planner Zachary LeMel about questions and concerns raised at the January 6 meeting about how to proceed with the zoning redesign effort.

Planning staff heard many questions about what is and why have we embraced the "context-based" approach. It seems we may need several meetings to find some common ground, and at least be talking the same language. Once we get there, we can work together to decide how to parse this large task, along with many other items that are and will come before us.

Zachary had done a lot of thinking since the meeting and assembled the following in response:

1. An annotated bibliography that lists the ZAP meetings where the committee learns, discusses, and eventually affirms the direction of a context-based approach in overhauling the existing Zoning Ordinance. The links to the memos and reports are embedded within the document, though each is summarized.
2. The FAR Working Group report from 2010, which as much as any document explains that a new approach is needed to solve the issues facing Newton, like tear-downs. I am not sure if this report is online so I am attaching a PDF here as well.

I thought it would be useful for you to have this information ahead of the Friday packet, as well as electronically, so you may link easily to the reports as you wish. All materials will as well be available in the packet.

I'm looking forward to joining you all on Monday.

Best,  
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