

**From:** Tracy Chen < >  
**Date:** September 22, 2017 at 5:16:39 PM CDT  
**To:** Saeed Minhas < >  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ruins at 1801 Nelms, (6305 Bluff Springs) Stone Restoration

Gentlemen,

The following email was sent to Steve, cc to Mr. Minhas, in which we stated that we would try to preserve the Ruins with masonry restoration, but, **not structural restoration** (in RED below). and two rings of fence would be erected surrounding the Ruins.

As of now, the fence was installed. And Mr. Minhas is working on selecting the qualified Masonry contractor to further stabilize the structure.

Tracy

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**From:** Tracy Chen < >  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 8:52 PM  
**Subject:** Ruins at 1801 Nelms, (6305 Bluff Springs) Stone Restoration  
**To:** Saeed Minhas < >

Dear Steve,

Thank you for your time meeting with Mr. Saeed Minhas, the project owner, and me, the Architect of Record, for the stone restoration of the subject project.

We would like to propose that the owner will immediately undertake the process of obtaining a qualified Masonry Restoration Contractor to begin the preservation work.

Upon such time of selecting the Contractor, we will explore and consult with persons with expertise in these restoration areas: we will evaluate the stability of the stone walls with a detailed Observation Report, and obtain a Recommendation of the scope of work.

We will produce a Restoration Plan and Specifications as the guideline for the work. A Sec. 04902 - Stone Restoration and Cleaning is [attached](#) herewith in this email.

The main effort of restoration will be concentrated in the stabilization of the "Ruins", by ways of "Tuck Pointing" with specified Tuck-pointing Mortar (referencing to the Video: <http://quikrete.com/AtHome/Video-Tuckpointing-Mortar-Joints.asp?gclid=CO36tfK30sgCFQmJaQod3F8ACw> ).

**Structural Bracing is not considered at this point.**

After such restoration work is completed and accepted by the City of Austin, two rings of steel fencing, surrounding the "Ruins" will be erected to prevent intrusions.

We thank you for your time and consideration. Please let us know if any other measures you would like to explore.

Sincerely,

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*"A Cheerful heart is good medicine, crushed spirit dries up bones."*