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Sam,

I am writing in regards to a meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow for architectural reviews. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend as my wife and I will be at UT Health Hospital for meetings with her neurologist subsequent to some tests she has had. I referred to Vickie's health issues at our Historic Committee meeting in February as part of our justification on why we are building our ADA compliant home on Pearce Rd.

I apparently missed your original email that sent this invite out, as it was addressed to the person hired to demo the existing structure. That email was forwarded to me, it may have gone to my spam folder, but was missed. My apologies for that, I would have contacted you much earlier than today had I seen your original mail.

Our architect Rodney Palmer, who also attended the meeting in February and I discussed wether the structure could be saved when we first purchased the property and hired Cornerstone. Given its condition, the limited property able to be built on (given trees on site, flood plan and LA zoning) and my wife's medical requirements -including a consistent temperature controlled climate along with the 0 degree slope in the home Rodney designed, did not see any options to use the structure as part of our new design. We also hired a structural engineer to get a 3rd party assessment of the property , which was included as part of our package for the Feb. meeting. That report also raised concerns about the ability to salvage this structure. Our builder is also an engineer, he also raised concerns about wether the existing structure could be salvaged and useful when visiting the site.

There was a suggestion at the Feb meeting by one of the committee board members as to wether it was possible to take down and transport the structure to City Park, which was a few miles from the site. I know we are not in a financial position to support that suggestion, so we did not consider that as a viable option.

Please let me know if there is other information we can provide to support our position or answer further questions ahead of our next review, scheduled March 6.

Thank you,

Bill McKean
[redacted]

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