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Subject: Follow-up for February 2nd BAR Meeting

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Marlene/Peter,

Both staff and members of the BAR were surprised Monday evening when the County did not agree to extend the review of the proposed demolitions beyond February 28, 2015 especially in light of our understanding that the relocation feasibility study you have been authorized to prepare won't be available until mid-March. I must point out that at the December 15, 2014 meeting it was at the applicant's request that the BAR continued the review of these applications to the February 2nd work session. At the time, the BAR was proposing to continue review to the next available meeting date scheduled for January 3, 2015. This applicant-initiated delay represents 49 days, or 65%, of the 75-day review period. We ask that the applicant reconsider its position on the matter of extending the critical action date.

We feel that staff and the BAR have clearly communicated an expedited review schedule and Ned Kiley, the BAR Chair, has offered to call special meetings, as needed. In the event that you do not reconsider your position on the extension of the critical action date for review of these applications, please be aware that one or more special meetings will likely be called by the Chair for the last week in February. Also, if these meetings are called and you cannot meet pending deadlines for the submittal of new information, it may be in your best interest to extend the critical action date.

As you already have heard directly from BAR members and citizens attending the public hearings, it is important to engage in a discussion that embraces representatives of Leesburg as stakeholders in this project. It is a project that is significant to both the Town and County and we do not wish to short-change this review process. It is the intent and desire of both Town staff and the members of the Board of Architectural Review to achieve the best design for the citizens of Leesburg and Loudoun County by working collaboratively.

Also please find below a summary of the additional submittals requested of the applicant by the BAR at the February 2nd work session for presentation at the February 18th BAR meeting:

1. Provide any information including communications, conceptual studies, sketches, and drawings that show how one or more of the four historic buildings may have been incorporated into the site design of the New District Courthouse at whatever stage of the design process these designs or proposals were presented along with reasons why they were discarded.
2. Provide information on all available stormwater treatment alternatives and address the possible relocation of the proposed concrete vaults so that demolition of the four historic buildings can be avoided or mitigated.
3. Provide support documentation regarding the claim that the four historic buildings represent a fire safety hazard for the New District Courthouse. Since the original

application did not include information on this subject, the support documentation should include, but is not limited to, a written narrative, diagrams, illustrations, specifications, code requirements, and, if appropriate, expert testimony.

4. Provide support documentation regarding the claim that the four historic buildings represent a security concern for the New District Courthouse. Since the original application did not include information on this subject, the support documentation should include, but is not limited to, a written narrative, diagrams, illustrations, specifications, code requirements, and, if appropriate, expert testimony.
5. Respond to the BAR proposal and address the feasibility of moving 110 Edwards Ferry Road closer to the street and removing non-historic and later historic additions from the rear of the four historic buildings as an alternative to demolition.

As you are aware, the preference is to have this information submitted to staff beforehand so that sufficient time is available to prepare comments that are included in the BAR agenda package. Please have this information available and submitted no later than noon on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

As discussed at the February 2nd meeting and in previous emails, we are available for a face-to-face meeting to discuss these issues further. If you should desire to take advantage of this opportunity please provide me with two alternative dates and times that meet with your schedule. For your information, I plan on being out of the office this Friday, February 13th.

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