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Subject: Follow-up for February 18th BAR Meeting

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Marlene/Peter,

Please find below a summary of the additional information requested of the applicant by the BAR at the February 18th regular business meeting for presentation at the March 2nd BAR work session:

1. Provide a response to the BAR proposal of removing non-historic and later historic additions from the rear of the four historic buildings to create a greater separation between the New District Courthouse and the historic buildings for purposes of fire safety and security as an alternative to demolition. This proposal also includes moving 110 Edwards Ferry Road closer to the street. The information provided to date does not directly address the technical feasibility of reusing and rehabilitating the four buildings in place. Please be aware that the technical feasibility of rehabilitation and reuse of the buildings in place is one of the factors that the BAR is to consider during review of demolition requests as outlined on page 117 of the Old & Historic District Design Guidelines even if it is not your preferred alternative or priority.
2. In regard to the discussion about the proposed security perimeter around the New District Courthouse, the BAR has requested an answer to the following question: Is it in the interest of the County and/or are there any plans to acquire additional properties immediately adjacent to the existing and proposed courthouse buildings for the purposes of establishing and/or maintaining the preferred 100 foot security perimeter?

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 Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Also as stated at the February 18th meeting by Chairman Kiley, the BAR continues to be agreeable to an extension of the critical action date for the review of these applications. Should the County reconsider their position on this matter please let me know as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

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